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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

Take Post— The Journal of the Toronto Gunner Community — Edition 14 — Part A



This journal — Take Post — is published bi-monthly under the authority of the Honorary Colonel, 7th Toronto Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery. Take Post reaches out to all Gunners and those interested in being part of the Regimental Artillery Family of the Greater Toronto Area. The purpose is to share information and strengthen the ties between serving members, retired Gunners, Gunner families, friends of the Artillery, and the Greater Toronto Community. **READ MORE**

RCAA Bursary Applications



The RCAA annually awards two bursaries to deserving Gunner members of Reserve Force Artillery units who are currently enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution on a full time basis. The LCol Jack Dehart MC, CD bursary is awarded to a Junior Officer who has successfully completed one year of post-secondary education, completed Artillery DP1 and is recommended by the Commanding Officer. The value of the bursary is \$1000.00.

The Master Gunner E.M. "Chip" Evoy MM and Bar bursary is awarded to an NCM who has completed one year of post-secondary education, successfully completed appropriate military training and is recommended by the Commanding Officer. The value of the bursary is \$1000.00

Application forms may be found on the RCAA website www.rcaa-aarc.ca. Applications to be submitted to the Executive Director RCAA, 404 Sweetflag St. Nepean, ON K2J5Y6 no later than 31 December 2016.

Gunfire — Edition 3



The Newsletter of the RAA Association. [READ MORE](#)

Canadian Army dress and insignia changes



1. Effective forthwith and nlt 1 Dec 2016 Canadian Army MGen and BGen will wear the maple leaf rank on all orders of dress. Authority for LGen was previously granted. Insignia is available through Logistik Unicorp now.
2. The forage cap with red band (or applicable colour for Specialists) and Canadian Army buttons will be re-introduced for wear by all general officers. CWOs who serve in senior appointments alongside general or flag officers will wear a similar forage cap with a rifle green band. The forage cap will be available through Logistik Unicorp shortly and will be worn with DEU 1a (when wearing medals) and other orders of dress as deemed appropriate for the occasion. An identical style of forage cap will be worn regardless of gender.
3. Those general officers and CWOs assigned to SOF and airborne positions will continue to wear distinctive berets with all orders of dress.
4. General officer and colonel pattern gorgets will no longer be worn with the DEU 3a long sleeve shirt. Gorgets will continue to be worn on other orders of dress as previously directed

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Colonel J.M.A. Lafortune CD is appointed Director of Artillery wef 4 Dec 2016 vice Colonel T. Bishop.

DEFENCE NEWS

Home for good: We must honour living veterans



Globe and Mail

In Canada, veterans' issues have become almost exclusively focused on post-traumatic stress disorder and suicide as a result of military service in conflict zones. Because of this narrow focus, we've learned a tremendous amount in the last 25 years about how to treat PTSD and other mental-health disorders. But there's a down side. While we've been paying such close attention to these more clinical issues, we may be missing the bigger picture of struggles that military members face as they make the transition to civilian life. [READ MORE](#)

Department of National Defence investigates potential hack of recruiting site



Toronto Star

The federal government was unable to say whether any personal information of potential military recruits was stolen during what appears to have been a hack of a National Defence website. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said federal officials were investigating after people trying to access the military's recruiting website were instead directed to what appeared to be the Chinese government's main webpage. [READ MORE](#)

Ontario MPP proposes identification of veterans on provincial ID cards



Metro News

Conservative Carleton-Mississippi Mills MPP Jack MacLaren announced recently he will introduce a private members bill to add identification of veterans to provincial ID cards. The proposal calls for a small yellow bar with the word veteran to be located below the photograph on driver's licences and Ontario identification cards to indicate the bearer is a veteran, said MacLaren. **READ MORE**

Calgarians fill food bank shelves after historic 2016 drive



Calgary Herald

The 10th annual Veterans Food Drive is being called the biggest and most successful to date, after more than 180,000 kilograms of food was donated in just 10 days. It was enough to fill four warehouses. Dave Howard, president of the Canadian Legacy Project, said the demand for assistance is much higher than it was when they started. **READ MORE**

Ottawa to purchase 18 new fighter jets, but won't disclose cost



Globe and Mail

Ottawa has announced the immediate purchase of 18 Super Hornet fighter jets, but won't say how much it will cost. The goal will be to "supplement the (current fleet of) CF-18s until the permanent replacement arrives," the government said. Public Services and Procurement Minister Judy Foote would not disclose the cost of the purchase. She said the government has a price in mind but will not reveal it ahead of discussions with the manufacturer. **READ MORE**

HMCS Vancouver returning home following New Zealand earthquake assistance



CBC News

A Canadian warship is heading home after helping provide humanitarian assistance in New Zealand following a powerful earthquake that killed two people. HMCS Vancouver, which is based at CFB Esquimalt on Vancouver Island, was taking part in exercises in the south Pacific Ocean when the call for help went out following the magnitude 7.8 quake. **READ MORE**

THE LAST POST

WOOD, Norman, 15 Nov 2016

WILKIE, Robert (Bob) Alexander Sgt (Ret'd), 14 Nov 2016

BELL, Thomas Harold WWII, 10 Nov 2016

DOUCETTE, Fraser Edward Payne, 4 Nov 2016

ATTWELL, Clifford GE, 2 Nov 2016

EDEN, Blaire Bdr, 31 Oct 2016

HURLEY, Raymond Gerald "Ray", Col Ret'd, 29 Oct 2016

WALKER, Lloyd Sgt (Ret'd) 25 Oct 2016

DUSSAULT, A. Donald, HCol 2Fd Regt RCA, 22 October 2016

LLOYD, Douglas Bdr (Ret'd) 30 Fd Regt, 14 Oct 2016

CARRIGAN, George, Korea, 10 October 2016

ARMSTRONG, Donald Fraser, WWII. 1 Oct 2016

MURPHY, Lionel WWII and Korea, 24 Sep 2016

ROGERS, Richard Blair "Dick" LCol (Ret'd) OMM, CD, 24 Sept 2016

BUSSIERES, Francis "Frank" Anthony Col (Ret'd), 21 Aug 2016

KYNOCK, Reigh Aubrey, 25 Aug 2016

METCALFE, Clinton Howard, Maj (Ret'd) WWII

WORSLEY, Frank "Gump" Bdr (Ret'd), 22 August 2016

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