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### DEFENCE NEWS

## Veterans challenge denial of disability benefits in latest court battle



CTV News

Some military veterans who say they are so disabled by PTSD that they haven't worked since being released from the Forces will take their fight for long-term benefits to court Wednesday to argue they were wrongly shut out of support payments from Ottawa. **READ MORE**

## Many veterans turn to counselling to move from battlefield to boardroom



Globe and Mail

Think your language skills are top notch? Try speaking "corporate" — a language so specialized and full of jargon that most industries and large companies possess their own, specific dialects. Veterans who want to make the move into corporate roles face an additional challenge: that of translating into corporate language the business value of their experience. **READ MORE**

## Canadian arms trade much larger than data suggests



CBC News

Long-range rifles. Armoured vehicles that work on the battlefield or in the streets. Technology for bomb guidance systems. These are just a few of the things that Canada makes, and makes well. This country has a long history of exporting military equipment around the world, but keeping tabs on the size and scope of the arms industry proves surprisingly difficult. **READ MORE**

## Canadian Forces to expand Nunavut training centre as Russia plans more bases in the Arctic



National Post

As Russia continues to boost its military presence in the Arctic, the Canadian Forces is planning to expand its Arctic training centre, turning the remote installation into a hub that can support operations, both defence and science-oriented, year-round if needed. [READ MORE](#)

## Farming project aims to help Canadian veterans adjust to civilian life



Globe and Mail

On a stretch of rolling hills north of Toronto, two men are trying to start a farm to help former members of the Canadian Forces resettle after they leave the service. The project is still in the planning stages, but John Randolph, a management consultant with a history of supporting military families, and Toronto businessman Bobby Sniderman hope to see a network of farms that could help veterans reintegrate into civilian life. [READ MORE](#)

## Ceremonies to mark anniversary of Canadian contribution to first Persian Gulf War



Ottawa Citizen

The Canadian Forces will mark the 25th anniversary of the liberation of Kuwait in a number of ceremonies between February 25 to 29. Those ceremonies will recognize Canada's contribution to the first Persian Gulf War. Operation FRICTION was the Canadian military contribution to the 35-nation coalition to remove occupying Iraqi armed forces from Kuwait during the First Gulf War. [READ MORE](#)

## Spanish ship arrives in Halifax to help Canada's naval supply ship gap



CBC News

A Spanish navy supply ship has arrived in Halifax to provide at-sea replenishment for the Royal Canadian Navy on the East Coast, to fill the hole left last year when the last of the navy's supply vessels were taken out of service. The SPS Patino — short for Spanish naval ship — was needed as a short-term "capability gap" measure because Canada's two supply ships are out of commission. HMCS Protecteur was retired last year and HMCS Preserver can't go to sea. [READ MORE](#)

### RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

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## Ex Trillium Gunner



Lt. J.H.W. Selbie

From January 26th to 28th the soldiers of E Battery, 2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, accompanied by medics from 2 Field Ambulance and signallers from 2 Signals Squadron, and supported by elements from 2 Service Battalion deployed to towns in the Upper Ottawa Valley as part of Exercise TRILLIUM GUNNER (Ex TG). The three day exercise — which saw troops deploy to Pembroke, Cobden and Renfrew — revolved around a fictional scenario in which the Army was responding to a call for assistance from communities struck by an ice storm. [READ MORE](#)

## New Gunners Graduate Training



Gunner Benjamin

Following six weeks of demanding training, 31 candidates went from being Canadian Armed Forces soldiers to the pinnacle of the Combat Arms triumvirate — they became Gunners. As students, we conducted our training at The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School in Gagetown, New Brunswick, where we honed our ability to perform as Detachment Members on the M777C1 155mm howitzer. [READ MORE](#)

## Ottawa Gunners AGM 2016



Ottawa Gunners

The interim OG executive established to "rejuvenate" the Ottawa Gunners has now been in place for four years and numerous appeals for new candidates for the executive have not yielded any new candidates. We are especially concerned about the lack of response from currently serving Gunners. If you are interested in the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer or Member at Large, please advise the Secretary.

**READ MORE****Record of Discussion — Veterans Affairs Canada Stakeholder Summit**

Veterans Affairs

Dear Stakeholders,

Thank you so much for participating in the December 2, 2015 Veterans Affairs Canada Stakeholder Summit at the Canadian War Museum. As the attached record of discussion indicates, the conversation was thoughtful and provided valuable input which will be taken into account as the department moves forward in addressing the commitments in the Minister's mandate letter. **READ MORE**

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