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DEFENCE NEWS

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



Globe and Mail

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**

Veterans Minister Kent Hehr's mandate letter — "One veteran, one standard"



Ottawa Citizen

Veterans and their families have earned our respect and gratitude. Veterans should not have to fight their own government for the support and compensation they have earned. As Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, your overarching goal will be to ensure that our government lives up to our sacred obligation to veterans and their families. I expect you to ensure that veterans receive the respect, support, care, and economic opportunities they deserve. **READ MORE**

Canada's forgotten Cold Warriors



Globe and Mail

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**Soldiers donate blood to remember Cpl. Darren Fitzpatrick**

CTV News

It took about 115 bags of blood to keep Cpl. Darren Fitzpatrick alive for two weeks after an IED severely injured him in 2010 while he was serving in Afghanistan. When he awoke in a German hospital with critical injuries, the 21-year-old soldier told his family he had one wish: to die at home in Edmonton. He was transported back to Canada and on March 20, 2010, he passed away. **READ MORE**

Canadian military bases on standby for refugee arrivals

CP24

Staff at Canadian Forces bases across the country are counting beds and making tentative plans to house and feed thousands of Syrian refugees expected to arrive in the coming weeks. Capt. Evelyne Lemire, a spokeswoman at CFB Gaagetown in New Brunswick, said they have not yet been told they will receive some of the 25,000 refugees the Canadian government has promised to accept by February. **READ MORE**

Canadian aircraft helping Britain hunt for Russian sub spotted near Scotland

Global News

Canada has sent a maritime patrol aircraft to help the United Kingdom search for a Russian sub believed to be patrolling off the Scottish coast. *The Telegraph* reports that Britain had to call in help from France and Canada after a Russian sub was spotted. The British government fears that the sub might be trying to spy on the U.K.'s Trident program — a sub-based nuclear warhead delivery system stationed in Scotland. **READ MORE**

How Canadian Forces might train anti-ISIL fighters

Ottawa Citizen

The Liberal government has come under fire for sticking to its plan to withdraw Canadian aircraft from the war against ISIL in Iraq and Syria. But Prime Minister Justin Trudeau plans to boost Canada's contribution of military personnel training Iraqi forces. Canada currently has up to 69 special forces soldiers in northern Iraq instructing Kurdish fighters. **READ MORE**

RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES**Take Post — The journal of the Toronto Gunner Community**

RCAA

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 and region community. **READ MORE**

RCAA Bursaries

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 \$1,000.00.

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 \$1,000.00.

All Reserve Force units have been advised that applications for 2016 are due to the RCAA Executive Director no later than 31 December 2015. If you are interested in applying for a bursary to assist you in your education

endeavours speak to your Adjutant.

Bourses de l'Association de l'Artillerie royale canadienne (l'AARC)



Chaque année, l'AARC décerne deux bourses d'études à des membres provenant d'unités d'artillerie de la Force de réserve qui poursuivent des études postsecondaires à temps plein. La bourse du LCol Jack de Hart MC, CD est décernée à un officier subalterne qualifié DP1 — Artillerie ayant complété avec succès une année d'études postsecondaires et ayant été recommandé par son commandant d'unité. La bourse est d'une valeur de 1000.00\$.

La bourse du Maître Canonnier "Chip" EM Evoy MM, Bar est décernée à un militaire du rang ayant terminé une année d'études postsecondaires qui a aussi complété avec succès sa formation militaire, et ayant été recommandé par son commandant d'unité. La valeur de la bourse est de 1000.00\$.

Toutes les unités de la Force de réserve ont été informées que les applications pour les bourses de 2016 doivent être reçues par le Directeur Exécutif de l'AARC au plus tard le 31 décembre 2015. Si vous êtes intéressés à postuler pour une bourse pour supporter vos efforts académiques, renseignez-vous auprès de votre capitaine-adjutant.

THE LAST POST



WHALEN, Ivan, RCHA, 7 Nov 2015

KEMPERS, Herman Jan 'John', 3RCHA, 29 Oct 2015

TAYLOR, Edward Patrick, Gnr Korea, 23 Oct 2015

MacISAAC, John Francis Donald, LCol (Ret'd), 22 Oct 2015

TAYLOR, Norman, WWII Gunner, 19 Oct 2015

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JEFFERIES, Jim, Col (Ret'd), 14 Oct 2015

DYKE, Charles Richard "Dick", LCol (Ret'd), 8 Oct 2015

BARKER, Wes, 19 Sept 2015

GENRICK, Peter James (Jim), MWO (Ret'd), 17 Sept 2015

TOBIN, Thomas Victor, 4 RCHA (Ret'd), 17 Sept 2015

FETTERLY, Allan Nyse, 13 Sept 2015

DALKE, Donald, Capt (Ret'd), 12 Sept 2015

MCKINLAY, Ronald Warrener, Capt (Ret'd), 4 Sept 2015

ROBERTSON, Neil A, Col (Ret'd), 1 Sept 2015

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- [Canadian military can already house 12,000 Syrian refugees](#) (CTV News)
- [Government sets up new office to buy replacement aircraft for CF-18s](#) (Ottawa Citizen)

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