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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

Change of Senior Serving Gunner



On 26 April, MGen Rouleau passed the charge Senior Serving Gunner to MGen Hetherington. The event took place in Kingston and was presided over by The Col Cmt, MGen Selbie (Retired).

Changement D'Artilleur Principal



Lors du 26 avril, le MGén passera la charge d'Artilleur principal en service au MGén Hetherington. L'évènement prit place à Kingston, et fut présidé par le Col Cmt, MGén (ret) Selbie.

'Stand Up, Hook Up, Go!' Get an Airborne Gunner Coin!



All Gunners with Parachute Wings — please note that we have produced an Airborne Gunner Coin. This is a simple but attractive and meaningful coin that demonstrates that you are a Gunner first, and also para qualified — you have the spirit of the Airborne Gunners. These coins were designed and produced by two great Airborne Gunners, Bill Soucie and Bill Tremain. All coins are numbered (controlled by Bill Tremain). They are a bit too big to carry in your wallet, but they sure look nice. **READ MORE**

«Debout, Accrochez, Partez!» Obtenez une pièce de l'Artillerie aéroportée!



Tous les artilleurs portant des ailes de parachutiste — notez que nous avons produit une pièce de l'Artillerie aéroportée. C'est une pièce simple mais attrayante et valorisante qui démontre que vous êtes un artilleur en premier, que vous êtes aussi un parachutiste qualifié et que vous avez l'esprit de l'Artillerie aéroportée. Ces pièces ont été conçues et produites par Bill Soucie et Bill Tremain, deux grands de l'Artillerie aéroportée. Toutes les pièces sont numérotées (contrôlées par Bill Tremain). Elles sont un peu trop grosses pour transporter dans votre porte-monnaie, mais nul doute qu'elles sont belles. **LIRE PLUS**

RCAA AGM and RCA Board



RCAA AGM and RCA Board is scheduled for 12-14 Oct. 17 at the Morrison Artillery Park, Ottawa. The meet and

greet will be on the evening of Thursday 12 Oct., the RCA Board on Friday 13 Oct. with the dinner that evening and the RCAA AGM will be on Saturday 14 Oct.

L'AGA de l'AARC et le conseil de l'ARC



L'AGA de l'AARC et le conseil de l'ARC se tiendront du 12 au 14 octobre 2017 au Parc de l'Artillerie Morrison à Ottawa. La soirée de rencontre et bienvenue sera le soir du jeudi 12 octobre, le conseil de l'ARC le vendredi 13 octobre suivi du dîner en soirée et l'AGA de l'AARC sera le samedi 14 octobre.

Airborne Gunners website



Pete's Airborne Gunner Site

This website is dedicated to all Airborne Gunners, past, present and future. **READ MORE**

Gunner Bertram Howard Cox



By Grandsons, Steve and Frank Schmidt

Bertram Howard Cox was born on the island of Barbados, British West Indies on Dec. 13, 1894. After finishing high school, he worked for the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Barbados. Bert came to Canada in 1913 via Ellis Island, N.Y. on the ship Giuana. The ship left Barbados on May 10 and landed at New York on May 20. It says he was headed to his cousin Ada (or Ida) King at 37 Classic Ave Toronto, ON. He was travelling with a friend, Arthur E. Clarke, who was headed to the same place. Bert worked as a teller for The Canadian Bank of Commerce, first in Sherbrooke, QC, and then in Winnipeg, MB. Several of his fellow employees joined the war effort and Bert soon enlisted in the Canadian Army as a Gunner in Artillery 59th Battery C.F.A. on March 26, 1916. **READ MORE**

Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver Members News — April 25, 2017



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Fédération Nationale de l'Artillerie



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La Fédération Nationale de l'Artillerie a été fondée en 1919, au lendemain de la première guerre mondiale, par le général Tricon-Dunois, alors lieutenant et polytechnicien de la promotion spéciale 1919. Dès cette époque, les relations étaient nombreuses entre la Fédération et l'Inspection de l'Artillerie. L'un des assistants les plus assidus aux réunions de la FNA était le général Maurin, inspecteur de l'Artillerie. L'objectif du général Tricon-Dunois était de réunir toutes les amicales d'artilleurs existant en France, peu nombreuses encore, mais dont l'effectif augmentait rapidement. **LIRE PLUS**

DEFENCE NEWS

Russia unveils Arctic air defence systems



IHS Jane's 360

Russia has displayed versions of the KBP Instrument Design Bureau Pantsyr-S1 and Almaz-Antey Tor-M2 air defence systems integrated onto Vityaz DT-30-series all-terrain tracked carriers optimized for Arctic operations. The systems were first seen in footage of a rehearsal for Russia's Victory Day parade shown by Russian television and then in a photograph released by the Russian Ministry of Defence. **READ MORE**

Pictures of North Korea's biggest ever drill capture totalitarian state's military might



Independent

Images have emerged of North Korea's biggest ever artillery drill that marked the 85th anniversary of its military's creation. Massed ranks of guns can be seen lining a beach as flame blossoms from their barrels. Dictator Kim Jong-un was also pictured overseeing the action in images from the North's state-run media. It is thought that between 300 and 400 artillery pieces were used in the demonstration, held near the eastern port city of Wonsan.

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London gunner's First World War diary and letters detail the routine and horror of war



London Free Press

Joe Murray knew how strange the timing was. As he signed copies of the book recently, he knew that 100 years ago, the subject of the book was dying at Vimy Ridge the same moment. "It was eerie, almost to the hour he died," Murray said. After spending almost a year working with a First World War diary from the front, sifting through letters to and from home, poring over official war documents and hundreds of names, Murray and his wife Nancy know just about everything there is to know about London soldier Woodman Leonard. **READ MORE**

Students learn soldiers' trade



Pembroke Daily Observer

There's no life like it, and Renfrew County students have had the opportunity to find out first hand about the military as a career option. A total of 15 students from Pembroke, Petawawa, Renfrew and Arnprior have spent much of their semester taking part in the Military Co-operative Education Program, offered through the 42 Field Artillery Regiment (Lanark and Renfrew Scottish) Royal Canadian Artillery. Under it, the students earn four high school credits towards co-operative education while also gaining practical experience by completing two basic training courses in a field they may wish to pursue further as a career. **READ MORE**

Reservists up the ante in support of the Arthritis Walk



CFB Esquimalt Lookout

Sergeant Jayden Cormier is not unlike many of the participants in Victoria's 8th Annual Walk to Fight Arthritis, in that he has a personal connection to the Arthritis Society's annual fundraiser. His mother Denise is one of 4.6 million Canadians suffering from the debilitating disease. Simple daily tasks have been inhibited by frequent bouts of pain, he says. "While online a couple of years back I noticed an ad for the Arthritis Society, and The Walk immediately struck a chord with me because my mother has been battling rheumatoid arthritis and Osteoporosis for the past 27 years," says Sgt Cormier. **READ MORE**

Ombudsman: Grieving military families need better communication from Forces



Global News

The Canadian Armed Forces need to update and streamline their communications with bereaved military families, the National Defence and Canadian Forces Ombudsman says in a new report. The "collaborative review" points out major inconsistencies in the way military families are engaged during the investigations that follow a service member's death, often resulting in "heartache and confusion for those simply trying to understand next steps in the investigation and if, at all, they have a role to play in it." **READ MORE**

Veterans Affairs office re-opens in Windsor after 3-year wait



CBC News

Veterans in Windsor no longer face a two hour journey to voice their concerns and access services. After three years, a new Veterans Affairs office officially recently opened to meet the needs of about 2,700 men and women who served as soldiers. The federal government has hired 15 people to work at the office. **READ MORE**

North Korea holds artillery drill as U.S. nuclear sub arrives in South Korea



680 News

South Korea's military recently said that North Korea held major live-fire drills in an area around its eastern

coastal town of Wonsan as it marked the anniversary of the founding of its military. The exercise took place as a U.S. guided-missile submarine arrived in South Korea and envoys from the United States, Japan and South Korea met in Tokyo to discuss the growing threat posed by North Korea's nuclear weapons and missiles program. **READ MORE**

THE LAST POST

BATEMAN, Amelia Euclida



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Amelia Bateman on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital. Born in Shediac, NB on June 28, 1932 to the late Fred and Annie (MacDonald) Mills. She was the wife of the late Carl Bateman. Amelia is survived by her daughters, Theresa Cormier (Joe) of Barachois, NB, Linda Gallagher (Julien) of Strathmore, AB, Louise Piper (Manfred) of Queenstown, NB, Rosemary Bateman (Peter Gorman) of Edmonton, AB; son, Patrick Bateman of Saint John, NB; two half-sisters; two half-brothers; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. **READ MORE**

COOPER, Gerald Joseph



It is with sad hearts that we announce the passing of our brother and uncle, MWO (Ret'd) Gerald Joseph Cooper, peacefully on April 7, 2017, in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII, at the age of 73.

GORE, Margaret 'Scottie' Elizabeth



It is with very heavy hearts that the family wishes to advise you of Scottie's unexpected passing on Monday, April 10, 2017 in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born April 8, 1945 in Yarmouth, Scottie married her pen pal, true love and most of all her best friend Gordon Gore on 28 November 1964 and for the next 20 some years travelled with Gordie as he pursued his career in the Canadian Army, returning to Yarmouth in 1986. **READ MORE**

HAYES, Wade



Warrant Officer of the 4RCHA. Peacefully on Sunday April 9, 2017 at St. Mary's of the Lake hospital at the age of 80. Beloved husband of Lenore Hayes of 58 years. Loving father of Rob (Kristie) and Brian (Melanie); cherished grandpa to Shane (Ashley), Aysia (Steve), Ryan (Sarah), Nathan (Fran), Karli (Jamie), and Terry; Great-grandpa to Shyann, Dallas, and Oliver. Sadly missed by many brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces. In keeping with Wade's wishes, cremation has taken place and no service or funeral will be held. We would like to thank the staff of palliative care at St. Mary's of the Lake for excellent care and compassion. Donations to the War Amps would be appreciated

SMITH, Colonel (Ret'd) Arthur Harcourt Carington ('Harky')



Col. Harky Smith died on 24 April. At the time of the *RCAA News Brief's* release, no further details were available.

STRILCHUK, Maj (Ret'd) Dennis A. CD



We are sad to announce the passing of Dennis on April 10, 2017, at Capital Care Lynnwood, Edmonton after a lengthy illness. Dennis is survived by his parents, Dennis Sr. and Rebecca; brother, Terry; nephew, Michael; and step-nieces, Patricia and Katrina. He will be missed by many uncles, aunts and numerous cousins as well as his two special military friends, Mike and Tom. Dennis graduated from O'Leary High School and joined the Canadian Armed Forces at the age of 18. He was commissioned in the Canadian Army and served with the First and Third Regiments, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (Shilo, Manitoba and Lahr, West Germany) and in many bases

across Canada including Army headquarters in Montreal, National Defense Headquarters in Ottawa, the Combat Training Centre and the Royal Canadian School of Artillery at Gagetown, NB, and as a United Nations Military observer in the Gaza Strip, Angola and Mozambique. **READ MORE**

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Nous aimerions avoir de vos nouvelles! Dans le but d'améliorer le contenu global des « Nouvelles en bref de l'AARC », nous aimerions voir certaines de vos nouvelles dans les prochaines éditions. Veuillez soumettre des articles d'information, des liens ou des événements à venir au directeur exécutif de l'AARC, à l'adresse courriel suivante: exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com. Assurez-vous que les articles sont opportuns et pertinents, et comprennent des photos sous-titrées. Les soumissions pour le « Bulletin électronique » hebdomadaire de l'AARC devraient être reçues au plus tard à 16 h HNE le lundi, afin d'être publiées dans l'édition de jeudi. Les commentaires / suggestions concernant les « Nouvelles en bref de l'AARC » publiées chaque semaine doivent être envoyés à exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com. L'Association de l'artillerie royale canadienne se réserve le droit d'accepter ou de rejeter les soumissions reçues. Les articles apparaîtront selon nos délais de rédaction.

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