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DEFENCE NEWS

Canadian Forces ombudsman to review Canadian Rangers program



CBC News

The Canadian Forces ombudsman will conduct a full review of the Canadian Rangers program, CBC News has learned, following stories about deaths among members of the military's northern patrol units. The military ombudsman is finalizing the scope of the investigation, but it will include health care, fitness and the reporting of injuries. **READ MORE**



Military says cost of F-35 jets will rise if Canada pulls out



Courant

In response to a question from the House Armed Services Committee, the general who manages the Joint Strike Fighter program said if Canada backs out of its commitment to buy 65 F-35 jets starting in fiscal year 2017, it would raise the costs for other customers by about \$1 million per plane. **READ MORE**

Ontario's lieutenant-governor receives first poppy as campaign begins this week



Inside Toronto

Lt.-Gov. Elizabeth Dowdeswell was presented with the first poppy for Remembrance Day by the Royal Canadian Legion at Queen's Park recently. As a representative of the Queen, the lieutenant-governor traditionally receives the first poppy to mark the beginning of the Remembrance period and the annual Poppy Campaign that runs from the last Friday in October to Remembrance Day on Nov. 11. **READ MORE**

Teaming up to help Canada's veterans



Toronto Sun

Two great Canadians and one stage. Two great leaders and one cause. What happens when you bring the General and Pinball together? Inspiration. Excitement. Opportunity. Gen. Jonathan Vance, Canada's chief of defence staff, and football legend Michael Clemons took the stage at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel recently to address something near and dear to both their hearts: They want to see military veterans have a brilliant second career. **READ MORE**

Burlington veterans, youth plant 700 tulips to mark Liberation of the Netherlands



Inside Halton

Burlington youth and members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 60, marked this year's 70th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands by planting 700 tulip bulbs in a local park recently. The bulbs were given to the city by the Canadian Garden Council and placed in a bed in Apeldoorn Park's Dutch-Canadian Friendship Garden. **READ MORE**

New exhibit at National Air Force museum



Quinte News

The Canadian Forces Combat Camera presents "Parallel" exhibit at the National Air Force Museum of Canada at CFB Trenton, Ontario from November 3, 2015 to March 30, 2016. The end of Canadian Armed Forces' operations in Afghanistan, in March 2014, sparked an idea within the CFCC team, as they seen an opportunity to draw parallels between that historic mission and the Canadian military's extraordinary undertakings a century earlier. **READ MORE**

Royal Canadian Navy to be given option to purchase interim supply ship



Ottawa Citizen

The Royal Canadian Navy will be able to eventually purchase the interim supply ship that it expects to start using around 2017. As Defence Watch readers know, the ship, the Asterix, is at Davie shipyards in Quebec, ready to undergo conversion into an interim supply ship for the Royal Canadian Navy. The ship will help the RCN deal with the supply ship gap (Canada no longer has any) until the Joint Support Ships arrive in 2020-2021. **READ MORE**

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Return to Vimy and the Battlefields of Normandy in April 2017



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The feasibility of providing periodic health assessments to all primary reservists

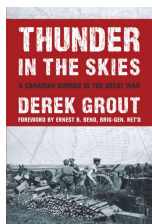


Department of National Defence and Canadian Forces Ombudsman

For the last quarter of a century Reservists have participated in expeditionary operations in the Balkans, the Middle

East and Africa, and humanitarian crises such as in Haiti and the Philippines, largely as augmentees to the Regular Force. Although it is almost impossible to predict the future needs of the Armed Forces, contemporary global conflicts indicate that Reservists will continue to be integrated into future expeditionary missions. **READ MORE**

Thunder in the Skies



Lifetime Member of RCAA, Ernest B. Beno, BGen (Ret'd) , wrote the forward of **Thunder in the Skies**.

What was it like to be a field gunner in the Great War? Drawing on the unpublished letters and diary of field gunner Lt. Bert Sargent and his fellow soldiers, Thunder in the Skies takes the reader from enlistment in late 1914, through training camp, to the Somme, Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, the Hundred Days Offensive, and home again with peace. **READ MORE**

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