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Enhancing services for veterans



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Canada's veterans and their families deserve our care, compassion and respect. To better support veterans where they live, Budget 2016 proposes to reopen and staff service offices in Charlottetown, Sydney, Corner Brook, Windsor, Thunder Bay, Saskatoon, Brandon, Prince George and Kelowna, open an additional office in Surrey, and expand outreach to veterans in the North by working with local partners. This will make it easier for veterans to access services across the country. **READ MORE**

WngO — 2016 RCAA AGM and RCA Training Event



RCAA

This year the RCAA Annual General Meeting and the RCA Training Event will be held 20-22 October 2016 at the 30 Fd Regt RCA armouries on the former CFB Uplands. Block bookings have been made at two adjacent hotels, the Days Inn a two minute walk from 30 Fd Regt, and the Holiday Inn Express Ottawa Airport, a five minute drive from 30 Fd Regt. Mark your calendars and standby for further details on specific events and registration.

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DEFENCE NEWS

Canadian Forces unites with cultural leaders in Halifax



CBC News

Some members of Halifax's Indo-Canadian community say they hope that people from more diverse backgrounds are inspired to enlist after Harjit Sajjan was named Canada's minister of defence. They shared their views at an event held at Pier 21 to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. [READ MORE](#)

Canadian LAV replica comes to Airdrie to honour Afghan vets



Global News

A light armoured vehicle III replica will be relocating to Airdrie's Nosecreek Valley Museum later this year, as one of four such military vehicles to come to Alberta as part of a national program to honour Canadian veterans of the Afghanistan war. [READ MORE](#)

DND has lost track of private contractors doing repairs, maintenance



National Post

The Defence Department doesn't know how many private contractors it is paying to repair vehicles and other army equipment, while at the same time it spends millions of dollars buying parts for equipment that could be obsolete or it plans to dispose of, according to a newly released audit. [READ MORE](#)

Park honouring Canadian veterans to open in Manotick July 2017



Ottawa Community News

Manotick will soon have a new place to commemorate the veterans of Canada. Remembrance Park, a project spearheaded by Branch 314 of the Royal Canadian Legion for South Carleton, is meant to be "a place for all citizens to enjoy and remember with gratitude the contributions made by those who have served their country in wars and peacekeeping missions." It is slated to be opened in July of 2017, just in time for Canada's 150th birthday celebrations. [READ MORE](#)

Summerside, P.E.I. to host major search and rescue operation this week



CBC News

A major military search and rescue exercise in the Maritimes will be based out of Summerside, P.E.I. The Canadian Forces base in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley, 14 Wing Greenwood, is setting up a temporary headquarters at the airport in Summerside. "You're going to see two Hercules C-130 airplanes and two Cormorant helicopters. We're going to be in Summerside for five days doing search and rescue training," said Lt.-Col. James Marshall, 413 Squadron's commanding officer. [READ MORE](#)

Federal government investment and more staff needed to grow Canada's unmanned aerial systems industry



Ottawa Citizen

Canada, with its vast geography, low population density, abundance of resources and challenging environment created the conditions to invent bush flying and the related technologies and know-how. Today, aviation in remote locations is a hallmark of Canadian aviation industry around the world. The next big step is to do some of these most challenging tasks with Unmanned Aerial Systems, where we can once again lead the world in innovation in operating in remote areas. [READ MORE](#)

Cyclone helicopter destined for Canadian Forces damaged during testing



Ottawa Citizen via The Canadian Press

One of Canada's new CH-148 Cyclone helicopters had to be winched off a ship after a small piece tore off while it was being parked, an unexpected problem that sent engineers back to the drawing board. Access to information documents say a metal ring on the helicopter's nose snapped as crew tried to get it lined up for a tow into a hangar originally designed to hold the vintage Sea King helicopters that are being phased out. **READ MORE**

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