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DEFENCE NEWS

**Canadian Forces members continue fight over housing benefits**

CBC News

Military members will be in a Halifax courtroom today for an ongoing fight over housing benefits. They are trying to win back money they lost in the sales of their homes when they were posted to other bases. But the federal government is trying to have the proposed class action struck down. **READ MORE**

## Ottawa looks to thank vets with free parking on Nov. 11



Ottawa Citizen

Vehicles with special licence plates issued to veterans by any provincial or territorial transportation ministry would be allowed to park for free at paid parking spaces on city streets in the vicinity of the National War Memorial and the City Hall parking garage on Nov. 11. **READ MORE**

## U.S. to upgrade guns on Canadian-made armoured vehicles



Star Phoenix

Bigger guns will be added to Canadian-made military armour in Europe as NATO allies grow nervous about the Russian threat on the continent. The U.S. House and Senate Armed Services Committee has approved spending of \$411 million to, in military parlance, "upgun" 81 Stryker armoured vehicles. The vehicles will get a 30mm cannon replacing a machine gun, as an answer to the growing threat of Russian aggression. **READ MORE**

## Veterans Food Drive — November 1 to 15



CTV News

Since 2007, the Canadian Legacy Project has presented the annual Veterans Food Drive. Sadly, too many of our Canadian Veterans are going hungry and this annual event is designed to put a stop to this. Not only does the event support veterans who served Canada in World War II, but the event is now helping those soldiers who have recently come back from serving in Afghanistan, only to have troubles adjusting and making ends meet. **READ MORE**

## Honourary patrons support Never Forgotten War Memorial



Cape Breton Post

The proposed memorial project, the vision of Toronto businessman Tony Trigiani, is a privately funded initiative of a non-profit organization, in partnership with the federal government. The foundation has said the memorial will offer tributes and interactive opportunities for visitors to commemorate Canada's war dead. **READ MORE**

## Fight pilot receives medal of honour



Airdrie Echo

Airdrie veteran Jack Hilton, 96, received the French Legion of Honour Medal for his service in the Second World War, Oct. 9. The special ceremony took place at the Alliance Francaise in downtown Calgary. A roomful of people came out to witness Hilton, along with two other veterans, receive medals. **READ MORE**

## St. Donat still marked by tragic crash, 72 years later



CTV News

Hiking up the trails of Montagne Noire, you can find a tragic piece of Canadian history among the serenity of nature. The Laurentian mountain is a popular one among hikers, but it is also home to the remains of a Liberator bomber aircraft used for training missions in World War II, an aircraft whose crash was the deadliest in Canadian military history up to that point. **READ MORE**

## Preparing for Remembrance Day



Northern Life

As we look back on this year's Legion Week, I want to thank several people for making this week a huge success. To our veterans and legionnaires who participated in our ceremonies, this week would not have been possible without you. To the sponsors of our activities, you certainly helped put smiles on a lot of seniors' faces. **READ MORE**

## Senate report sheds light on veteran's plight



Ottawa Sun

Scott Costen wanted answers and he wanted his pension. The military veteran who served in Afghanistan spent five months living off a line of credit after being medically discharged in February because Veterans Affairs Canada didn't have a case manager to get him his pension and health benefits. **READ MORE**

## RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

### Raven B flies closer to Release to Service certification



Rob Dunne



In March 2014, the Canadian Army acquired the CU173 Raven B as its new Miniature Unmanned Aircraft System. The Raven B is a hand-launched Unmanned Aircraft used for reconnaissance and surveillance. It has been delivered to the Canadian Army's Artillery Regiments and Armoured Reconnaissance Squadrons across Canada and is operated by a total of seven different units. It's flown under the supervision of military Mission Commanders and Air Vehicle Operators who are trained and qualified as operators and maintainers by the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School in Gagetown. **READ MORE**

### Le Raven B vole maintenant vers la certification de mise en service



Rob Dunne

En mars 2014, l'Armée canadienne s'est procurée un CU173 Raven B, qui sera son nouveau système d'aéronef sans pilote miniature. Le Raven B est un aéronef sans pilote qui peut être lancé à la main et qui effectue de la reconnaissance et de la surveillance. Il a été livré aux régiments d'artillerie de l'Armée canadienne et aux escadrons de reconnaissance blindés partout au Canada et il est exploité par un total de sept unités différentes. L'aéronef vole sous la supervision des commandants de missions militaires et d'opérateurs de véhicules aériens qui sont formés et qualifiés comme opérateurs et agents d'entretien par le Régiment royal de l'école d'artillerie canadienne à Gagetown. **LIRE PLUS**

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