

---

## Canadian Gunner News June 2019/ Les Nouvelles des artilleurs canadiens juin 2019

---

Catherine Gagnon <editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com>  
Reply-To: Catherine Gagnon <editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com>  
To: Catherine Gagnon <editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 1:51 PM



## Canadian Gunner News Les Nouvelles des artilleurs canadiens June 2019/ juin 2019



“Maj Mark Wilson and MWO Chad Lelond of the 26th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA attend an award ceremony at the Selkirk Legion Branch# 42 on Saturday, 25 May 2019. The ceremony was significant in that **Mr. Robert Sinclair, a WWII Veteran and Anti-Aircraft Gunner, was awarded the Liberation of France Medal from the Government of France.** His stories of working on the Bofors AA Guns during the War were both interesting and entertaining.”

### Editorial

**We will remember...** the soldiers, their service, their accomplishments, the events, even the equipment they used.

I received the obituary of Bombardier Patrick Labrie this morning. I was shocked to realize he was a year older than my son. A life given to service, ended too soon.

As June ends, with all the events surrounding D-Day commemorations (see special section below the Defense

### L'Édito

**Nous nous souviendrons...** des soldats, de leur service, de leurs réalisations, des événements et même du matériel utilisé.

J'ai reçu la notice nécrologique du Bombardier Patrick Labrie ce matin. Quel choc de réaliser qu'il avait un an de plus que mon fils. Une vie donnée au service, terminée trop tôt.

News), let us celebrate what the world gained as a result of those men/women and their service, not what was lost on that fateful day.

**Catherine Gagnon**  
*Editor*

As usual, send me your stories, headlines, pictures or musings to [editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com). Comments are always welcomed for publication in the Inbox. Looking forward to your feedback!

À la fin du mois de juin, avec tous les événements entourant les commémorations du Jour J (voir la section spéciale plus bas), célébrons ce que le monde a gagné grâce à ces hommes / femmes et de leurs services, et non ce qui a été perdu ce jour fatidique.

**Catherine Gagnon**  
*Rédactrice en chef*

Comme d'habitude, envoyez-moi vos histoires, vos titres, vos photos ou vos réflexions à [editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com). Les commentaires sont toujours les bienvenus pour publication dans la boîte de réception. Dans l'attente de vos commentaires!

## The Inbox/La boîte de réception

Re: D-Day 75th Anniversary:

My Dad, Gnr C.H. Morden, was 21 when he went ashore on D-Day. Now deceased 23 years. He never did talk much about it except for the friends he knew and lost.

Thank you,  
*John T. Fraser*

Thanks on this 75th D-Day celebrations. I have joined today unit 26 Army Navy and Air Force Veterans today.

Respectfully,  
*Ellis Chan, Vancouver*

Thank you Catherine. I got it. Having my husband serve plus two sons and a granddaughter (all Artillery) I am thankful for the messages you send.

Sincerely,  
*Marcia Beare, Ottawa*



---

## REGIMENTAL NEWS NOUVELLES DU RÉGIMENT

---

- **150th ANNIVERSARY OF A & B BATTERIES  
- LETTER FROM THE COLONEL COMMANDANT  
AND SENIOR SERVING GUNNER TO THE SENIOR  
LEADERSHIP OF THE ROYAL REGIMENT**
- **150ème ANNIVERSAIRE DES BATTERIES A & B  
- LETTRE DU COLONEL COMMANDANT ET DE  
L'ARTILLEUR PRINCIPAL EN SERVICE  
AUX LEADERS SÉNIOR DU RÉGIMENT ROYAL**

- 
- **Unit SitReps May 2019**
  - **SitReps des unités mai 2019**
- 

**Artillery Senate ROD - 26 Mar 2019**

---

## Better bang for a bullet: Artillery school aligns core exercises with courses

Canadian Army / Armée canadienne

- **Major Melissa Marshall to become Headquarters Battery Commander at Canadian Forces Base Shilo**
  - **Une forte officier de l'artillerie devient une de seulement deux femmes au commandement d'une batterie au Canada**
- 

Andrew Leslie, Liberal MP, speaks about 30th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA in the house of commons

- **GOVERNOR GENERAL TO HONOUR REMARKABLE CANADIANS AT RIDEAU HALL**
- **LA GOUVERNEURE GÉNÉRALE HONORERA DES CANADIENS REMARQUABLES À RIDEAU HALL**
  
- **RCA/ARC - Congratulations to the following on their appointments as Commanding Officers or Regimental Sergeant Major / Félicitations aux personnes suivantes pour leur nomination à titre de commandant ou de sergent-major régimentaire.**

The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School

- **HQ Bty CoC 31 May 2019 / Bie CS P de c 31 mai 2019.**
- **The Graduation Ceremony for the Instructor-In-Gunnery (IG) and Assistant Instructor-In-Gunnery (AIG) classes of 2018-19.**
- **The DP4 Artillery Battery Sergeant-Major Course currently running at the RCAS has 18 candidates. / Le cours de sergent-major de batterie d'artillerie DP4, qui se donne actuellement au RCAS, compte 18 candidats.**
- **DP1 Graduation Parade, 05 June 2019**

2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery

- **Artillery Day pictures**
- **D BTY is running Arty Comms course in Petawawa**
- **E Bty parade with a Change of Command and Change Of Appointment.**

4th Artillery Regiment, General Support, RCA

- **128 Bty photo on the completion of Ex MAPLE RESOLVE 19 standing in front of the Blackjack and the MRR.**

5e RALC

- **Parade de confirmation de capacité opérationnelle pour la batterie identifiée pour se joindre à la mission de l'OTAN en Irak.**

5th (BC) Field Artillery Regiment, RCA

- **Fort Rodd Hill Victoria. It's the final training weekend of the 2019 season.**
- **MWO Kachonski getting the job done on Op IMPACT.**

7th Toronto Regiment RCA

- **Victoria Day salute at Queen's Park**

15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA

- **The Vancouver Artillery Association deployed to the Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live in support of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA community relations campaign.**

Ex SNIPER GUNNER

- **26 Fd Regt and 116 Ind Fd Bty soldiers during Ex SNIPER GUNNER Part 1 at the St. Charles Ranges in Winnipeg**

56th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA

- **Master Bombardier Vanderpost represented the Regiment at a great event at the Canadian Military Heritage Museum titled: Mothers, Munitions and Matrons: Celebrating Women's Wartime Contributions.**
- **The Regiment is proud to announce the addition of a new member to its' ranks. Gunner Otsihsto-Brant is a 3 year old Clydesdale under the care of Horse Major MBdr Heighly Vanderpost.**

84th Independent Field Battery, RCA

- **It was a good weekend to be on the range to conduct some annual training with the 1st Field Artillery Regiment, RCA.**
- **Battery Commander of 84th Independent Field Battery, RCA busy serving up drinks during Tim Hortons Camp Day.**

---

## ASSOCIATION NEWS NOUVELLES DES ASSOCIATIONS

---



- **Atlantic Gunners Reunion 2019 - Friday Night**

[Watch](#)

- **Atlantic Gunners Reunion 2019 - Saturday Night**

[Watch](#)

- **ByTown Gunners SitRep May 2019**

- **Rencontre des anciens 5e RALC**



Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver Members Weekly Newsletters

28 May 2019

4 June 2019

11 June 2019

18 June 2019

---

## UPCOMING EVENTS ÉVÈNEMENTS À VENIR

---

Follow this link / [suivre ce lien](#)

---

## DEFENSE AND SECURITY NEWS NOUVELLES DE LA DÉFENSE ET DE LA SÉCURITÉ

---



The CDA Institute weekly updates of security & defence items / L'Institut de la CAD, notre mise à jour hebdomadaire des articles de sécurité et de défense.

June 2019 CDA Outreach Newsletter and Calendar of Events

Mise en candidature pour le Prix Vimy et le Prix du Capitaine Nicola Goddard

Vimy Award and Captain Nicola Goddard Award: Nominations Now Open!

---

Jane's 360

**Victory parade portends new capabilities through modernised vehicles for Russian Army**

Artillery Club (Ireland)  
**Newsletter 2/2019**

The Principles of War  
**Firepower 8: The ANZAC Commanders and their use of Artillery**

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

- **Change in Reserve Force pay structure**

- **Augmentation de la rémunération de la Force de réserve du Canada**

---

## **75th Anniversary of D-Day Events / les évènements du 75e anniversaire du Jour-J**

### OP Ubique

- On Day 3, members of RCA OP UBIQUE visited Canadian Artillery Memorial in Thélus, France.
- Gunners remember Canadian soldiers who gave ultimate sacrifice. Lest we forget.
- 2 RCHA had the honour of firing the 21 Gun Salute for The Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency The Right Honourable Julie Payette on the 4th of June, Chambois, FR.

### D-Day 75: Canadian soldiers group tours battlefields prior to commemoration ceremony (CBC interview)

#### D-Day minus 1 / Jour-J moins un

### D-Day 75: 'Emotional, and overwhelming', Canadian soldiers tour Juno and Normandy battlefields (CBC interviews)

- Every soldier knows you can never leave your weapon unattended, but what if your weapon is an L5 Pack Howitzer and it needs to be on Juno Beach the day and night before #DDay75 commemorations? Well, no choice: you gotta sleep on the beach! We sent Pte Hugo Montpetit, a CF Combat Camera / Caméra de combat des FC imagery technician, to document it. He came up with this outstanding video to show how this unique event unfolded. ( sous-titres en français)

#### D-Day / Jour J

### D-Day 75: Remembrance, honour, and thanks, on the Juno Beach (CBC Interviews)

- The Ennis Sisters performed Sing You Home at the D-Day commemoration ceremonies on Juno Beach in France.
- Photo collection - Several members of 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, serving and retired, attended the D-Day ceremonies in France on the 75th Anniversary. These included Major Nick Watts, Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel Don Foster, Warrant Officer Class II (retired) George Chow and Major (Retired) Ian Newby.
- Members of 2 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (RCHA) firing their artillery guns during the 75th anniversary of D-Day
- Maj Gratton from OP UBIQUE with Bill Anderson, 97 year old WWII Gunner.

- **Gunners at the 75th Juno Center Gala with Minister of National Defence.**
- **59th Newfoundland Heavy Regiment was eager to do its part**
- **The Uncovering Valour Project: A Juno Beach Memorial Journey 75 Years in the Making**  
**Stories from the 3rd Cdn. Inf. Div. H.Q. & 13th Field, RCA**
  - **75th Anniversary of Juno Beach – memories brought to life by grandson of Lt.-Col. (Ret'd) Earl A. Olmsted**
- **Remembering D-Day: Aldergrove, BC veteran receives France's highest honour**

## **RCA OP UBIQUE - Point 67**

- **Dedication of the Royal Canadian Artillery Memorial at Point 67, Remarks by Brigadier-General (Ret'd) J.J. Selbie, Colonel Commandant RCA / **Inauguration du monument commémoratif de l'artillerie royale canadienne au point 67, allocution du brigadier général (ret) J.J. Selbie, colonel commandant de l'ARC****
- **RCA members participated in unveiling of 25 pounder on point 67 and visited overlord museum. / **Des membres de l'ARC ont participé au dévoilement du 25 pounder sur le point 67.****
- **The Gunner standard flies over Point 67 on Verrieres Ridge during the dedication of the Artillery Memorial to the Normandy Campaign.**
- **D Bty - 2RCHA unveiling the 25 pounder at Point 67.**

---

## **A PAGE FROM OUR HISTORY UNE PAGE DE NOTRE HISTOIRE**

---

**The Walk For Remembrance and Peace - Full video of the tour-ending memorial service at the Canadian War Cemetery in Agira, Sicily.**

---

## **SUPPORT FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES SOUTIEN POUR LES VÉTÉRANS ET LEUR FAMILLE**

**Membres de l'Association de l'Artillerie royale canadienne - Économisez davantage avec TD Assurance**

Être membre de l'Association de l'Artillerie royale canadienne a ses avantages. Profitez-en pleinement en vous prévalant d'un accès privilégié au programme TD Assurance Meloche Monnex et aux économies que procurent ses tarifs d'assurance préférentiels.



**Members of The RCAA take advantage with TD Insurance discount**

Members of RCAA can get a professional association discount from TD Insurance Meloche Monnex.

Recent studies show that professionals can save \$400 (on average) by insuring both their home and vehicle with TD Insurance Meloche Monnex.

Demandez votre devis aujourd'hui sans frais au 1-866-269-1371

Cliquez ici pour en savoir plus.

<https://www.tdassurance.com/affinity/rcaa-aarc>

Request a quote and find out how much you could save! Call toll free at 1-866-269-1371

or visit

<https://www.tdinsurance.com/affinity/rcaa-aarc>

- 
- **VIA Rail announces a special offer that will allow active service members, veterans and their families to save 40% on ticket prices this summer. / Via Rail lance une offre spéciale afin que les militaires, vétérans et leurs familles puissent voyager sur le train le Canadien cet été en bénéficiant d'un rabais de 40% sur le meilleur tarif.**

Journal Servir

- **Nouvelle plaque d'immatriculation pour vétérans**
- **Operation HONOUR, the most recent survey and progress indicators / Opération HONOUR, le dernier sondage et les indicateurs de progression**

---

## RETIREMENTS RETRAITES

---

- **SERGEANT SCOTT GODFREY, CD**
- **SERGEANT SCOTT GODFREY, CD**
- **COLONEL TERRY LEIGH**
- **COLONEL TERRY LEIGH**
- **MAJOR RONALD ROY**
- **MAJOR RONALD ROY**
- **WARRANT OFFICER ROBIN EVERETT, CD**
- **ADJUDANT ROBIN EVERETT, CD**
- **CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER ROB BARTLETT**
- **SERGEANT M.L. SWEATMAN, CD**

---

## LAST POST AVIS DE DÉCÈS



---

Follow this link / [suivre ce lien](#)

---

Missing an issue of the Canadian Gunner News? Contact the [editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com).

Subscribe easily - contact the [editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com)

**Vous avez manqué un numéro des Nouvelles des artilleurs canadiens? Contactez l'**  
[editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com).

**Abonnez-vous facilement - contactez l'** [editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com).

---

We'd like to hear from you! In an effort to enhance the overall content of the now monthly "Canadian Gunner News" newsletter, we'd like to see some of your news in future editions. Please submit any suggested news articles, links, or upcoming events to the Editor at: [editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com). Please ensure that the articles are timely and relevant, and include captioned photos. Submissions for "Canadian Gunner News" should be received by 0900 PST the Monday prior to the last Thursday of each month. Comments/suggestions regarding "Canadian Gunner News" should be sent to [editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com). The Royal Canadian Artillery Association reserves the right to accept or reject any submissions received. Articles will appear in adherence to our editorial deadlines.

Nous aimerions avoir de vos nouvelles! Dans le but d'améliorer le contenu global du bulletin maintenant mensuel « Nouvelles des artilleurs canadiens », nous aimerions voir certaines de vos nouvelles dans les prochaines éditions. Veuillez soumettre des articles d'information, des liens ou des événements à venir, à l'éditeur à l'adresse courriel suivante: [editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com). Assurez-vous que les articles sont opportuns et pertinents, et comprennent des photos sous-titrées. Les soumissions pour les « Nouvelles des artilleurs canadiens » devraient être reçues au plus tard à 09h HNP le lundi précédant le dernier jeudi de chaque mois. Les commentaires / suggestions concernant les «Nouvelles des artilleurs canadiens » doivent être envoyés à [editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:editor.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.



[Unsubscribe](#)

The Royal Canadian Artillery Association  
10 Lancewood Crescent  
Brampton  
Ottawa, Canada  
0  
[exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto:exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com)