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**Operation MEDUSA**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

The Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major  
of  
1<sup>st</sup> Battalion  
The Royal Canadian Regiment

Serve notice to all Royal Canadians, Task Force 3-06 Veterans, and their families  
of the

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Op MEDUSA  
to commence at 1500 on 24 September 2016 at  
Victoria Barracks (Y-101), Garrison Petawawa  
Details and RSVP instructions to follow  
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## DEFENCE NEWS

### Federal strategy on veterans homelessness to call for housing subsidies



Globe and Mail

Veterans Affairs officials are ready to recommend that the federal government give rental subsidies to veterans who are homeless or nearly so in order to combat what they describe as an unacceptable situation in Canada. A draft of the new federal strategy to combat homelessness among veterans also recommends the government build new affordable housing units specifically for veterans, suggesting Canada doesn't have enough units to handle the unique needs of former military members who can have addiction and mental health issues related to their service.

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### Canadian Army to acquire new drones — system to be based out of CFB Gagetown



Ottawa Citizen

The Canadian government announced it is buying an existing unmanned aerial surveillance system, through a government-to-government contractual arrangement. The deal is being handled through the U.S. Foreign Military Sales program. The contract is valued at \$14.2 million and includes initial training. **READ MORE**

### University of Regina hosts business boot camp for Canadian Forces veterans



News Talk 980

Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces are going back to boot camp — this time looking to find success in civilian life. The University of Regina business school is hosting a seven-day boot camp for former members of the Canadian Armed Forces who are hoping to start or grow their own businesses. **READ MORE**

### Canada's mission in Africa will be focused on 'peacemaking,' UN



## ambassador says

CBC News

Canada's ambassador to the UN says there will be "no quick fix" in Africa — a sign that Canadian peacekeepers waiting for deployment there could be in for a long-term commitment to the region ravaged by civil war and terrorism. "There is no quick fix for anything in peace and security in some areas of the world and in the regions [Canada is considering for a mission]," said Marc-André Blanchard. **READ MORE**

## Royal Canadian Legion, Battlefield Branch 622 organizes event benefitting veterans in need of assistance



Hamilton News

Rose Power brings a special keepsake with her each day. The 68-year-old Royal Canadian Legion, Battlefield Branch 622 ladies auxiliary member carries her dad's Dieppe Bar in her pocket. Awarded to those who participated in the Dieppe Raid, the bar is worn on the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal ribbon. **READ MORE**

## New Veterans Affairs office opening in Surrey



CBC News

The Liberal government is honouring its election promise to reopen nine closed Veterans Affairs offices across the country. The federal government is also opening a new office in Surrey. Veterans Affairs Minister Kent Hehr spoke to Rick Cluff on *The Early Edition* about the importance these offices hold for veterans. "They've committed so much of their lives for protecting us and keeping our country safe," Hehr said. "We're ensuring that the veterans that we have have the help they need when they need it to build their lives." **READ MORE**

## Veteran receives honorary recognition



Hinton Parklander

His heart was was pounding in his chest as he hung up the phone. He could feel excitement course through his veins, he wanted to shout to the world what he had just found out. But he couldn't. He was sworn to secrecy. Wayne Kennedy had just found out he was the honorary recipient of the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation for his outstanding efforts for veterans in the community. **READ MORE**

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**KYNOCK**, Reigh Aubrey, 25 Aug 2016

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**GEORGE**, Herbert "Sonny", 2RCHA & 4RCHA, 19 August 2016

**BARTER**, William "Bill", Sgt (Ret'd), 18 August 2016

**HAMILTON**, Harold Bernard, WWII, 13 August 2016

**FIORIN**, Dino Pietro, Captain (Ret'd), 11 August 2016

**LEWIS**, (Art) Benjamin — MCpl (Ret'd), 2 & 4 RCHA, 25 July 2016

**BURNS**, William (Billy) Burton, passed in New Brunswick, 22 July 2016

**MORRIS**, Dave, Sargent (Ret'd), 22 July 2016

**AMOS**, William (Bill) Joseph Captain (Ret'd), 19 July 2016

**MARSH**, Michael Vincent, 7 July 2016

**HALLAM**, Rodney William, MWO (Ret'd), 1 July 2016

**JOHNSTON**, Willis A. (Woody) MWO (Ret'd), 5 June 2016

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