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DEFENCE NEWS

Ombudsman: Feds are keeping veterans in the dark on disability decisions



Global News

Veterans deserve to know what information the government is using to determine their disability benefits, the Veterans Ombudsman says. And right now, the Ombudsman says, they don't — despite a report four years ago recommending the government make those records available. **READ MORE**

Cost to build navy's new warships more than doubles to \$30 billion



CBC News

The price of 15 new warships for the navy has more than doubled, from \$14 billion initially set aside for construction to more than \$30 billion, says an independent analysis of the largest military procurement in Canadian history. **READ MORE**

Veterans Affairs offices to reopen within a year



Global News

Nine veterans affairs offices controversially closed under the former Conservative government will reopen within a year, according to Veterans Affairs minister Kent Hehr. "I say that you can put a pretty good bet on it that we'll definitely be done before a year — possibly sooner," Hehr told Global News in an interview. "But, I don't want to start drawing lines in the sand that I quickly have to walk back from." **READ MORE**

Halifax city councillor wants veterans to park for free



Metro News

A Halifax city councillor thinks veterans should park for free in the municipality. District 14 Coun. Brad Johns plans to ask for a staff report at a recent city council meeting about letting anyone with a veterans license plate park for free in any municipally owned parking lot, or parking metre. **READ MORE**

Winnipeg veteran couple receive military honours



CBC News

A Winnipeg war bride and her husband are finally being recognized for their service to Canada and Britain during the Second World War. Ian Wilson, 96, was a corporal in the Royal Canadian Air Force's No. 411 Spitfire Squadron, working as ground support. He received the Legion of Honour, France's highest national honour, for his service in France between D-Day and Aug. 25, 1945. **READ MORE**

OP Provision — the military support to the Syrian refugee mission — begins



Ottawa Citizen

Canadian Forces personnel deploying on Operation PROVISION will assist Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada with the administrative processing of applications including medical screening and the collection of biometric data, as well as providing a military command and control element for Canadian Forces members. **READ MORE**

Canadian Forces personnel and DND public servants now cleared to speak to journalists



Ottawa Citizen

Military leaders were discouraged from talking to the news media. Even the most basic news releases had to go through a complicated maze of approvals at the highest levels of the Conservative government. Aside from the Afghan mission, the bulk of communications with journalists was/is done largely by email. **READ MORE**

RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

Wreaths across Canada ceremony at the National Military Ceremony at Beechwood



You are invited to attend the fifth annual Wreaths Across Canada National Service of Remembrance, which will be held at 1330 hrs on Sunday, 6 December, 2015 at the National Military Cemetery, located at the Beechwood National Cemetery in Ottawa.

The ceremony, which is open to the public, will allow people of all ages an opportunity to pay their respects to all former members of the Forces who served in both times of peace and conflict, by assisting Wreaths Across Canada to lay approximately 3,000 wreaths at the headstones of our Canadian veterans.

What: Commemorative Wreath Laying Ceremony

When: Sunday 6 December 2015, 1330 hrs

Where: The National Military Cemetery at Beechwood

Dress: 1A with medals. Gabardine is allowed but no medals on the gabardine.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

Warrant Officer (Retired), Craig A. McPhee

Founder and President, Wreaths Across Canada Inc.

613-435-4294 **READ MORE**

Déposez une couronne avec l'organisme « des couronnes au Canada » au Cimetière Militaire National à Beecwood



Vous êtes invités à assister à la cinquième édition de la cérémonie «Des couronnes au Canada,» le dimanche 6

décembre 2015 à 13 h 30, dans le Cimetière militaire national, situé au cimetière Beechwood à Ottawa.

Cette cérémonie donnera aux gens de tous les âges une occasion de rendre hommage à ces vétérans, afin de déposer environ 3 000 couronnes sur les tombes de nos anciens combattants canadiens.

Événement : Cérémonie commémorative de dépôt de couronnes

Date et heure : Le dimanche 6 décembre 2015, à 13 h 30

Lieu : Cimetière militaire national situé au cimetière Beechwood

Tenue : 1A avec médailles. La gabardine est permise (sans médailles).

SI VOUS AVEZ DES QUESTIONS, S.V.P. CONTACTEZ:

Adjudant (retraité) Craig A McPhee

Président et fondateur Des couronnes au Canada

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RCAA Bursaries



The RCAA annually awards two bursaries to deserving Gunner members of Reserve Force Artillery units who are currently enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution on a full time basis. The LCol Jack Dehart MC, CD bursary is awarded to a Junior Officer who has successfully completed one year of post-secondary education, completed Artillery DP1 and is recommended by the Commanding Officer. The value of the bursary is \$1,000.00.

The Master Gunner E.M. "Chip" Evoy MM and Bar bursary is awarded to an NCM who has completed one year of post-secondary education, successfully completed appropriate military training and is recommended by the Commanding Officer. The value of the bursary is \$1,000.00.

All Reserve Force units have been advised that applications for 2016 are due to the RCAA Executive Director no later than 31 December 2015. If you are interested in applying for a bursary to assist you in your education endeavours speak to your Adjutant.

Bourses de l'Association de l'Artillerie royale canadienne (l'AARC)



Chaque année, l'AARC décerne deux bourses d'études à des membres provenant d'unités d'artillerie de la Force de réserve qui poursuivent des études postsecondaires à temps plein. La bourse du LCol Jack de Hart MC, CD est décernée à un officier subalterne qualifié DP1 — Artillerie ayant complété avec succès une année d'études postsecondaires et ayant été recommandé par son commandant d'unité. La bourse est d'une valeur de 1000.00\$.

La bourse du Maître Canonnier "Chip" EM Evoy MM, Bar est décernée à un militaire du rang ayant terminé une année d'études postsecondaires qui a aussi complété avec succès sa formation militaire, et ayant été recommandé par son commandant d'unité. La valeur de la bourse est de 1000.00\$.

Toutes les unités de la Force de réserve ont été informées que les applications pour les bourses de 2016 doivent être reçues par le Directeur Exécutif de l'AARC au plus tard le 31 décembre 2015. Si vous êtes intéressés à postuler pour une bourse pour supporter vos efforts académiques, renseignez-vous auprès de votre capitaine-adjutant.

THE LAST POST



WHALEN, Ivan, RCHA, 7 Nov 2015

KEMPERS, Herman Jan 'John', 3RCHA, 29 Oct 2015

TAYLOR, Edward Patrick, Gnr Korea, 23 Oct 2015

MacISAAC, John Francis Donald, LCol (Ret'd), 22 Oct 2015

TAYLOR, Norman, WWII Gunner, 19 Oct 2015

HAWKINS, Danny, Sgt (Ret'd), 18 Oct 2015

SINGER, Keith C., 15 October 2015

JEFFERIES, Jim, Col (Ret'd), 14 Oct 2015

DYKE, Charles Richard "Dick", LCol (Ret'd), 8 Oct 2015

BARKER, Wes, 19 Sept 2015

GENRICK, Peter James (Jim), MWO (Ret'd), 17 Sept 2015

TOBIN, Thomas Victor, 4 RCHA (Ret'd), 17 Sept 2015

FETTERLY, Allan Nyse, 13 Sept 2015

DALKE, Donald, Capt (Ret'd), 12 Sept 2015

MCKINLAY, Ronald Warrener, Capt (Ret'd), 4 Sept 2015

ROBERTSON, Neil A, Col (Ret'd), 1 Sept 2015

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- [Deputy Minister: Veterans Affairs needs to show more respect to vets](#) (Globe and Mail)
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