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Gunner Author Seeks Information on Major-General Brownfield



Writer is seeking information on MGen HON (Harold) Brownfield, Brigadier Royal Artillery, 1st Cdn Army in WW2. Contact — PJ Williams, 17 Crystal Beach Dr, Ottawa, ON, K2H 5M6, 613-805-9272, cdnig19@hotmail.com

St Albert, Alberta Branch of Royal Canadian Legion — Branch #271 says farewell to gunner



A small informal dinner was held at the branch July 29 to say farewell to Colin Norris MWO (Ret'd) who is moving to BC. Colin is a 'piper' whose piping added a touch of class to many of our event and he will be missed. Colin was presented with a certificate of appreciation but he surprised everyone when he donated a beautiful framed print to the Branch. The print shows an artillery scene from WW1.

Master Gunner Tom Tomaso notes that Colin has been a great gunner supporter piping for many a gunner function throughout his career and after retirement.

France's Legion of Honour presented to Major (Ret'd) Jack Commerford,



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On 29th July 2016 in Ottawa the Ambassador of France, M. Nicolas Chapuis presented Major (Retired) John (Jack) Commerford the French Legion of Honour in Ottawa. What a great honour! As a young Halifax boy of 17 living in Newfoundland, Jack joined the Canadian Artillery to fight fascism in Europe. He served in England with the 2nd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, then landed on the shores of Normandy in August 1944, not far from where the Juno Beach Centre is today. **READ MORE**

Jack Commerford's Story — Legion of Honour, July 2016 — Arty Newsletter



2nd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery. **READ MORE**

DEFENCE NEWS

Canadian military seeks to improve its transgender policy



Toronto Star

As the U.S. military prepares to open its doors to transgender people for the first time, the Canadian Armed Forces is looking at ways to improve its own transgender policy. Canadian military officials reviewing the current policy, which came into effect in February 2012, are hoping to have a draft of the new policy finished by the end of the year. **READ MORE**

Canadian troops leaving Edmonton for Ukraine as part of Operation UNIFIER



Toronto Sun

Soldiers from Edmonton's 3rd Canadian Division are readying for deployment to Ukraine. About 30 military personnel — including some from CFB Shilo, MB — will fly out of Edmonton International Airport as part of Operation UNIFIER, a joint support mission between United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. **READ**

MORE**Peacekeepers monument to be unveiled in Sydney**

CBC News

A monument honouring Cape Bretoners' service in the United Nations Peacekeeping force will be unveiled on the Sydney, N.S., waterfront on August 9. "We have a big peace monument in Ottawa and big monuments are great," said Tom White, eastern director of the Canadian Association of Veterans in UN Peacekeeping (CAVUNP).

READ MORE**Injured military get a boost from Invictus Games coming to Canada**

IT Business

It's safe to say Bruno Guevremont knows how to deal with extreme pressure. He once took a vest loaded with explosives off a suicide bomber during a tour of duty in Afghanistan as part of the Canadian Armed Forces technical bomb squad. Guevremont runs a cross-fit gym in Victoria, B.C., as well as Team Canada captain for the upcoming Invictus Games. Guevremont was at the Sage Summit 2016 to raise awareness for the competition, which was started by British Royal Prince Harry. **READ MORE**

Airborne cadets

Peterborough Examiner

A group of young cadets jumped out of the back of a perfectly good aircraft. And they did it with a smile. That's the nature of the 48 cadets who earned the Canadian Forces Basic Parachutist qualification here at 8 Wing Trenton.

READ MORE**Yarmouth's Bob Garron receives Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation**

The Vanguard

Arnold Robert Garron — better known as Bob Garron — is among the 2016 recipients of the commendation. It was presented to him in Halifax by Veterans Affairs Minister Kent Hehr. Garron is a veteran of the Korean War who served with the Canadian Armed Forces until 1983. He has been a member Royal Canadian Legion Branch 155 for 44 years. In this time, he has held numerous positions, including poppy chairman, service officer, honours and awards, first vice-president and president. He also served as zone commander for six years. **READ MORE**

Pokemon Go players warned to stay off military bases

CBC News

Fair warning for Pokemon Go players — stay off military bases. The Department of National Defence says military police have responded to incidents this month of people trespassing on Canadian Armed Forces bases in Ontario and Nova Scotia while playing the popular smartphone game. **READ MORE**

THE LAST POST

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

MCGEAN, John Howard Basil (Baz), 24 May 2016

KELLY, Raymond Gerald, 23 May 2016

MILANI, John R. Maj (Ret'd), 21 May 2016

THOMPSON, Garfield Baily (Tom) Sgt (Ret'd), 19 May 2016

MOORE, Allan David, 15 May 2016

BREWSTER, Gerald Douglas, 13 May 2016

DUGAN, William (Willie) Daniel, 7 May 2016

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