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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

RCA Communications Programme Rejuvenation — Strategic Initiating Directive/Revitalisation du Programme de Communication de l'ARC — Directive de Mise en Œuvre Stratégique



Following the promulgation of the updated RCA Family Strategy in Mar 15 (reference A) and the analysis of the gaps in the application of the strategy to the affairs of The Royal Regiment (reference B), it became apparent and was decided during the course of deliberations at references C-I that rejuvenation of the Regiment's Communication Programme should be the top priority of the current conduct of regimental affairs.

Suite à la diffusion de la Stratégie de la famille de l'ARC mise à jour en mars 15 (référence A) et l'analyse des lacunes dans la mise en oeuvre de la stratégie quant aux affaires du Régiment royal (référence B), il est apparu évident et on a décidé pendant les délibérations des références C-I que la revitalisation du programme de communication du Régiment devrait être la priorité de la conduite actuelle des affaires régimentaires. **READ MORE**

49th Field Regiment Newsletter — May 2017



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- Hockey Tournament
- Open House
- Photo Contest
- IBTS in Grayling **READ MORE**

Association des Anciens du 5e RALC/5 RALC Association



Samedi le 3 juin l'association a tenu sa première rencontre régionale à Québec. 21 membres et 14 conjointes étaient présents. Le méchoui fut très apprécié par tous les participants qui en ont aussi profité pour se remémorer beaucoup de souvenirs (de guerre????). La prochaine réunion régionale se tiendra à St-Jean-sur-Richelieu le 17 juin prochain. Vous pouvez contacter l'association à l'adresse suivante : anciensralc@yahoo.ca

Last Saturday (3 June) the Association held its first get together of the year in Quebec City. 21 members attended for a total of 35 participants. Everyone enjoyed the « méchoui » and many of us did their best remembering old « War Stories ». The next one will be in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu on 17 June. If interested in contacting the Association, send an email to: anciensralc@yahoo.ca **READ MORE**

Atlantic Gunners Reunion video, 26-28 May 2017, Oromocto, NB



To see all the pictures, let it run through the three songs. **SEE MORE**

Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver Members News — June 6, 2017



Check out the latest news and updates from the Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver. **READ MORE**

Royal Artillery Association Newsletter — June 2017



Welcome to the The Royal Artillery Association's electronic newsletter. This is where you can keep right up to date with all the Regimental Family's news and information. We have a lot to tell you about this quarter! **READ MORE**

Refurbished Guns at Beechwood National Military Cemetery in Ottawa/Des canons d'artillerie reconditionnés sur le site du cimetière militaire national (Beechwood) à Ottawa



Attached, please find pictures of the reconditioned four "monument" artillery guns resting within the National (Beechwood) Military Cemetery. This "volunteer" work was undertaken by the Bytown Gunners Firepower Museum under the coordination of Norm Roberge and some of his team, who together earlier this week, cleaned and painted three of the four artillery guns located at the National Military cemetery. The fourth cemetery monument gun will be similarly upgraded, in June. Additionally, the L-5 Howitzers were pulled out of the soft ground as they had sunk into the base, and were then placed on patio stones to prevent further degrading. The 155mm Howitzer was jacked-up and placed on blocks (to take the load off the tires).

Vous trouverez ci-joint, des images des quatre canons d'artillerie «monuments» reconditionnés sur le site du cimetière militaire national (Beechwood). Ce travail «bénévole» a été entrepris par le Musée de la puissance de feu des Artilleurs de Bytown, sous la coordination de Norm Roberge et de son équipe, qui, ensemble plus tôt cette semaine, ont nettoyé et peint trois des quatre canons d'artillerie situés au cimetière militaire national. Le quatrième canon monument du cimetière sera de même amélioré en juin. En outre, comme les obusiers L-5 s'étaient enfoncés dans leur base, ils ont été retirés du sol mou, et ont ensuite été placés sur des dalles de patio afin d'éviter de se dégrader davantage. L'obusier de 155 mm a été élevé et placé sur des blocs (afin retirer la charge sur les pneus).



RCAA AGM and RCA Board



RCAA AGM and RCA Board is scheduled for 12-14 Oct. 17 at the Morrison Artillery Park, Ottawa. The meet and greet will be on the evening of Thursday 12 Oct., the RCA Board on Friday 13 Oct. with the dinner that evening and the RCAA AGM will be on Saturday 14 Oct.

L'AGA de l'AARC et le conseil de l'ARC



L'AGA de l'AARC et le conseil de l'ARC se tiendront du 12 au 14 octobre 2017 au Parc de l'Artillerie Morrison à Ottawa. La soirée de rencontre et bienvenue sera le soir du jeudi 12 octobre, le conseil de l'ARC le vendredi 13 octobre suivi du dîner en soirée et l'AGA de l'AARC sera le samedi 14 octobre.

Upcoming events



- 20 Ind Fd Bty Change of Command. 9-10 June 2017, Lethbridge, AB/Passation de 20 Ind Fd Bty, 9-10 juin, Letbridge, AB
- 2 RCHA Officer's Spring Ball. 26 June, Petawawa, ON/Ball de Printemps de 2 RCHA. Le 26 juin, Petawawa, ON

The Vet Fit Program



The Canadian Legacy Project has partnered with GoodLife Fitness to offer retired Canadian Armed Forces personnel (whom have been honourably discharged and no longer serving) fitness memberships to any GoodLife Fitness location across Canada. Canadian Armed Forces Veteran are eligible to obtain the VET FIT annual membership for an exclusive rate of \$299, plus applicable taxes (valued at over \$800). This fee is paid upfront

directly to "GoodLife Fitness Corporate Wellness." This exclusive membership rate is also available to 1 (one) additional immediate family member. The program is currently only offered to Canadian Armed Forces Veterans.

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Australian Artillery Association



This website is dedicated to every "gunner" that ever served in the Royal Australian Artillery, Regular, Reserve, Citizen Military Force, Australian Imperial Forces or Militia. This site is extensive and contains a wide variety of information relating to the life of a serviceman in the Corps of Artillery. **READ MORE**

DEFENCE NEWS

Address by Minister Freeland on Canada's foreign policy priorities



Government of Canada

Mr. Speaker, Here is a question: Is Canada an essential country, at this time in the life of our planet? Most of us here would agree that it is. But if we assert this, we are called to explain why. And we are called to consider the specifics of what we must do as a consequence. International relationships that had seemed immutable for 70 years are being called into question. From Europe, to Asia, to our own North American home, long-standing pacts that have formed the bedrock of our security and prosperity for generations are being tested. **READ MORE**

Discours de la ministre Freeland sur les priorités du Canada en matière de politique étrangère



Gouvernement du Canada

Monsieur le Président, J'ai une question pour vous : le Canada est-il un pays essentiel à ce moment dans la vie de notre planète? La plupart d'entre nous ici conviennent que c'est le cas. Cependant, si nous affirmons que le Canada est essentiel pour la planète, nous devons être en mesure d'expliquer pourquoi il en est ainsi. Par conséquent, nous devons déterminer clairement ce que nous devons faire. **LIRE PLUS**

Canada's Defence Policy



Government of Canada

Canada's defence policy — *Strong, Secure, Engaged* — will provide Canada with an agile, multi-purpose combat-ready military, operated by highly trained, well-equipped women and men, secure in the knowledge that they have the full support of their government and their fellow Canadians. **READ MORE**

La politique de défense du Canada



Gouvernement du Canada

La politique de défense du Canada *Protection, Sécurité, Engagement* fournira à notre pays des forces armées souples, polyvalentes et aptes au combat, gérées par des hommes et des femmes hautement formés, bien équipés, assurés d'avoir le plein appui de leur gouvernement et de leurs compatriotes canadiens. **LIRE PLUS**

Commander Military Personnel Command statement on pay and allowance increase



National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces

To all members of the Canadian Armed Forces,

We received the good news on 01 June 2017 that Treasury Board has approved pay and allowances increases as follows:

- A pay increase of 1.25 per cent for general service officers, pilots, medical and dental officers, and non-commissioned members for four fiscal years beginning 01 Apr 14

- An annual increase of 1.25 per cent to the environmental and special allowances for four fiscal years beginning 01 Apr 14
- An increase of 1.2 per cent Military Factor component in rates of pay, effective 01 Apr 16.

The pay increase and military factor components are compounded from their effective dates, and combine to result in a 6.34 per cent pay increase. The increase in the environmental and special allowances result in a 5.1 per cent compounded increase for those who are entitled to them.

Non-Commissioned Members, General Service Officers and Pilots at the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and Commander and below, and all Medical and Dental Officers are included. Additionally, former members who left the CAF after March 31, 2014 will also receive a retroactive payment and adjustments to their retirement benefits.

Members will be paid at these new rates along with a lump sum back-payment starting June 30, 2017.

Further details, including payment estimates, will be posted on the [Know your Benefits](#) webpage.

Thank you for your continued, loyal service to Canada.

Lieutenant-General C.A. (Chuck) Lamarre
Commander Military Personnel Command (CMPC)

Déclaration du commandant du Commandement du Personnel Militaire concernant l'augmentation de la solde et des indemnités



Défense nationale et les Forces armées canadiennes
à tous les membres des Forces Armées Canadiennes,

Nous avons reçu une bonne nouvelle : le Conseil du Trésor a approuvé les augmentations de la solde et des indemnités suivantes :

- Une augmentation de la solde de 1,25 pour cent pour les officiers du service général, les pilotes, les médecins et les dentistes militaires, ainsi que les militaires du rang pour quatre années financières, rétroactivement au 1er avril 2014
- Une augmentation annuelle de 1,25 pour cent des indemnités d'environnement et des indemnités spéciales pour quatre années financières, rétroactivement au 1er avril 2014
- Une augmentation de 1,2 pour cent du facteur militaire des taux de solde, rétroactivement au 1er avril 2016.

L'augmentation de la solde et de la composante du facteur militaire se combinent à partir de leurs dates d'entrée en vigueur, et produisent une augmentation combinée de la solde de 6,34 pour cent. L'augmentation des indemnités d'environnement et des indemnités spéciales produisent une augmentation combinée de 5,1 pour cent en faveur de ceux qui y ont droit.

Les militaires du rang, les officiers du service général et les pilotes, au grade de lieutenant-colonel et de capitaine de frégate et en-dessous, ainsi que tous les médecins et les dentistes militaires y sont admissibles. De plus, les anciens militaires ayant quitté les FAC après le 31 mars 2014 toucheront également un paiement rétroactif et leurs prestations de retraite seront ajustées en conséquence.

Les militaires seront rémunérés à ces nouveaux taux et toucheront un paiement rétroactif forfaitaire à compter du 30 juin 2017.

De plus amples détails, notamment les estimations des paiements, seront publiés sur le site Web [Connaissez vos avantages sociaux](#).

Merci pour vos constants et loyaux services au Canada.

Lieutenant-général C.A. (Chuck) Lamarre
Commandant du Commandement du Personnel Militaire (CCPM)

John McCrae's baptism of fire



Legion Magazine

The Boer War started the year John McCrae graduated from the University of Toronto's medical school. He had served as an officer in the military reserves and had a romantic view of war, partly gleaned from Rudyard Kipling's vivid accounts of war as British adventure. He had pasted Kipling's poem "The White Man's Burden" into a scrapbook. After graduating, McCrae was determined to go to South Africa. "Ever since this business began," he wrote his mother, "I am certain there has been not 15 minutes of my waking hours that it has not been in my mind... I shall not pray for peace in our time. One campaign might cure me — but nothing else ever will, unless it be old age." **READ MORE**

The Surgeon General announces findings from the Review on the Operational Use of Mefloquine in the Canadian Armed Forces



Government of Canada

The Government of Canada is committed to protecting and enhancing the health and well-being of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members. The Department of National Defence and the CAF recently announced the release of the findings from the Surgeon General's Review on the Operational Use of Mefloquine. The review looked at available literature on mefloquine use and how it is used in an operational setting. **READ MORE**

Le médecin général annonce les conclusions de l'examen portant sur l'usage de la méfloquine au sein des Forces armées canadiennes en situation opérationnelle



Gouvernement du Canada

Le gouvernement du Canada est déterminé à protéger et à améliorer la santé et le bien-être des membres des Forces armées canadiennes (FAC). Le ministère de la Défense nationale (MDN) et les FAC ont annoncé la publication des conclusions de l'examen du médecin général portant sur l'usage de la méfloquine en situation opérationnelle. Au cours de cet examen, des ouvrages sur la méfloquine et sur la façon dont ce médicament est utilisé dans un environnement opérationnel ont été consultés. **LIRE PLUS**

Pre-U.K. election defence debate at the Royal United Services Institute in London



RUSI

Representatives from the major parties presented their respective positions on defence, foreign affairs and home affairs. Panellists included: Harriett Baldwin, Conservative Party; Nia Griffith, Labour Party; The Rt Hon Lord Wallace of Saltaire, Liberal Democrats; Dr Rebecca Johnson, Green Party; and Brendan O'Hara, Scottish National Party. **READ MORE**

Addressing Russia's Hybrid Warfare Threat: Russian New Generation Warfare Handbook



Asymmetric Warfare Group

A handbook for U.S. Army formations to increase awareness of Russian tactics, near-peer capabilities, and current U.S. non-material solutions to mitigate the threat posed by Russian proxies. **READ MORE**

South Korean industry develops artillery-locating radar



Jane's 360

South Korea has successfully developed an artillery-locating radar system to boost national defence, the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) announced. The program, led by Seoul-based LIG Nex1 in partnership with DAPA's Agency for Defense Development (ADD), indicates some of the priority capabilities that South Korea wants to develop as it seeks to respond to threats from North Korea. **READ MORE**

Algeria acquires Chinese artillery; evaluating UAVs



Defence Web

The Algerian military appears to have acquired self-propelled artillery from China and is evaluating Chinese unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) as it continues to vastly expand its military forces. Earlier this month photos appeared online showing what appear to be PLZ 45 self-propelled howitzers on a road outside the capital Algiers. The convoy of around 50 vehicles may have been headed to the Central Logistic Base in Blida, to which much of the country's new military equipment often goes, according to *IHS Jane's Defence Weekly*. **READ MORE**

Lockheed Martin's TACMS nearing end of EMD phase



Jane's 360

Lockheed Martin is expected to receive a production contract for its modernized Tactical Missile System (TACMS), months in advance of completing the Engineering and Manufacturing Development (EMD) programme. The company had previously conducted the fifth of seven system qualification tests under the TACMS modernization program, also known as Army TACMS (ATACMS) Modernization (AMOD). Lockheed Martin is expected to complete the EMD program by August 2017. **READ MORE**

THE LAST POST

Heitshu, Robert G. 'Bob' BGen (Retired) — RCA



Bob died peacefully at the Hospice at Maycourt in Ottawa on June 2nd, 2017. **READ MORE**

Hussey, Harold Maxwell



It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the passing of our father, Harold Maxwell Hussey, on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014 at the age of 83. He was a son of the late George and Martha (Hanes) Hussey. He was a veteran of the Korean War with two tours of duty and remained in the army for 27 years. He then worked for Maritime Steel and Foundry until his retirement. In his day, he was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved nature. He was also an excellent gardener. He was a proud Newfoundlander and went by the name Newfie for years. He was predeceased by his wife, Norma (Swan). He will be remembered by his three children, Karen (Brian) McGowan; Angela Flemming and Charmaine Hussey; his three grandchildren, Matthew, Sara and Mitchell. He is also survived by brothers, Cecil and John.

Jardine, Thomas 'Tiny'



Jardine, Thomas "Tiny," beloved husband of the late Arleen "Babs" Jardine, occurred at the Brandon Regional Health Centre on Friday, June 2, 2017. Funeral arrangements are pending. Donations in memory of Thomas may be made to the Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation for Cancer Services, 150 McTavish Avenue East, Brandon, MB R7A 2B3. Complete obituary information will follow. Expressions of sympathy may be made

[here.](#)

Pollock, Maj William



Pollock, Maj William passed away peacefully in Chilliwack, B.C. at the age of 87 on 21 May 2017. **READ MORE**

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- [News release from the Artillery Association of Montreal/Communiqué de l'Association d'artillerie de Montréal](#) (Artillery Association of Montreal / l'Association d'artillerie de Montréal)
- [How a soldier-turned-artist aims to protect the memory of WWI and WWII soldiers](#) (CBC News)

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Nous aimerions avoir de vos nouvelles! Dans le but d'améliorer le contenu global des « Nouvelles en bref de l'AARC », nous aimerions voir certaines de vos nouvelles dans les prochaines éditions. Veuillez soumettre des articles d'information, des liens ou des événements à venir au directeur exécutif de l'AARC, à l'adresse courriel suivante: exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com. Assurez-vous que les articles sont opportuns et pertinents, et comprennent des photos sous-titrées. Les soumissions pour le « Bulletin électronique » hebdomadaire de l'AARC devraient être reçues au plus tard à 16 h HNE le lundi, afin d'être publiées dans l'édition de jeudi. Les commentaires / suggestions concernant les « Nouvelles en bref de l'AARC » publiées chaque semaine doivent être envoyés à exdir.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.

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