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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

Visit of the Master Gunner St. James Park



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As part of Ubique 300, the Royal Artillery's 300th Anniversary, the master Gunner St. James Park, General Sir Timothy John Granville-Chapman, will be visiting Canada at the end of June. The Master Gunner (of), St James's Park is the ceremonial head of the Royal Regiment of Artillery and channel of communication between the Regiment and the Captain General (Queen Elizabeth II). He will be visiting Ottawa on 24 June; after laying a wreath at the Royal Canadian Artillery Memorial in Green Park he will join Canadian Gunners for lunch in the OP at the Army Ottawa Officers' Mess. All Gunners (serving and retired) are encouraged to attend this stand up lunch with the General Sir Timothy John Granville-Chapman from 11h30 to 13h00. There will be Chicken Scarpariello on the menu and ticket are available in the mess (\$7.50).

Ubique 300



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A selection of videos capturing some of the events celebrating the 300th Birthday of the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

[Guns of Larkhill — Ubique 300](#)

Royal Artillery celebrating their 300th anniversary in style in Emirates pre-match Arsenal — Norwich

The Royal Artillery celebrate their Tercentenary with a Royal Review

Exercise PIÈCES AGUERRIES 16



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The members of 5 RALC recently went to Gagetown, New Brunswick to take part in PIÈCES AGUERRIES 16, a regimental exercise. The advanced guard departed on April 21, 2016 to set up the main camp. However, it was not until April 23, 2016 that most of the boots were on the ground at Gagetown. Preparation thus began for the first part of the exercise. **READ MORE**

Exercise PIÈCES AGUERRIES 16



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Les membres du 5 RALC se sont rendus à Gagetown au Nouveau-Brunswick afin de participer à l'exercice régimentaire PIÈCES AGUERRIES 16. Le 21 avril 2016 était la date de départ pour l'avant-garde qui allait préparer le camp principal, toutefois, c'est le 23 avril 2016 que la plupart des bottes touchent le sol de Gagetown. La préparation commença donc pour la première partie de l'exercice. **LIRE PLUS**

Minister of National Defence attends naming ceremony in Shawinigan for Gérard F. Dufresne Armoury



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On May 7, in Shawinigan, Quebec, a very important ceremony was held for the members of the local armoury, the community of Shawinigan and the family of a revered veteran, Gérard F. Dufresne. To mark its 70th anniversary, the Shawinigan armoury was renamed after its former commander, Colonel Gérard F. Dufresne. **READ MORE**

Le Ministre de la Défense nationale de passage à Shawinigan pour la dénomination du Manège militaire Gérard F. Dufresne



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Le 7 mai dernier se tenait, à Shawinigan, la tenue d'une cérémonie bien importante pour les membres du manège militaire, de la communauté de Shawinigan ainsi que de la famille du très apprécié Gérard F. Dufresne. En effet, pour son 70e anniversaire, le manège militaire de Shawinigan a décidé de renommer l'établissement au nom de son ancien commandant le Colonel Gérard F. Dufresne. **LIRE PLUS**

DEFENCE NEWS

Veteran Affairs shifts stance on man who served for Norway in Second World War



Toronto Star

A decorated 94-year-old war veteran who was initially refused admission to a federally funded hospital is now being assessed for entry after a public outcry over his treatment. But Petter Blindheim's son says the family is still anxiously awaiting word on whether Veterans Affairs will fund his father — who served on convoys for the Allies as a member of the Norwegian Royal Navy — for care at the Camp Hill Veterans Memorial hospital in Halifax. **READ MORE**

HMCS Windsor expected home soon — New details on mechanical problems



Ottawa Citizen

HMCS Windsor is expected to return to Halifax soon, Royal Canadian Navy officers tell Defence Watch. Canada's only submarine currently at sea has to return to port to deal with mechanical problems. After a week of sea training work-ups off the eastern seaboard, HMCS Windsor experienced a mechanical issue June 3 involving a component

associated with one of the submarine's two diesel engines, the Royal Canadian Navy says. [READ MORE](#)

Canadian World War II veterans reunite after 70 years apart



CityNews

He opened up a magazine and wound up re-opening up a chapter in his life from seven decades ago. Robert Carter, 91, says he was thumbing through a Legion Magazine earlier this year when he came across an article on his old friend and fellow veteran Charlie Walker. "Oh I recognized his face for sure," Carter laughed. "I looked at it and thought, 'God, I know that guy, Charlie.' Like we hadn't seen each other since right after the war I guess."

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Number of RCMP being served by Veterans Affairs expected to jump 20 per cent



Ottawa Citizen

Veterans Ombudsman Guy Parent released his new report, *Supporting Ill and Injured RCMP Members and their Families: A Review*. The review was prepared in consultation with the RCMP and compiles the current services and benefits administered by both the RCMP and Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) to ill and injured RCMP members and their families, as well as additional benefits offered by the Government of Canada, such as Public Service Priority Hiring and the Canadian Pension Plan Disability Benefit. [READ MORE](#)

Canadian Armed Forces training in Fortune Bay



The Packet

About 40 members of the Canadian Armed Forces will be conducting a military training exercise in the vicinity of Fortune Bay and Brunette Island. According to a news release from the Department of National Defence, Exercise Atlantic Guardian is a joint domestic response exercise also involving the RCMP and DFO. [READ MORE](#)

Kurdish flag fiasco prompts retreat by Canadian special forces



Ottawa Citizen

There is the slow realization at National Defence headquarters and in the Canadian government that it might not have been the best idea after all to allow Canadian special forces to wear the Kurdish flag on their uniforms. U.S. special forces got caught in the same predicament recently. They were wearing the insignia of the YPG, the Kurdish group which NATO ally Turkey views as a terrorist organization. [READ MORE](#)

RETIREMENTS

RCAS Chief Clerk Stands Easy



Captain Nicholas Kaempffer



On the 2nd of March 2016, Sergeant Raymond David, the Chief Clerk at The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School (RCAS) experienced a privilege of firing a "last round" due to his pending retirement from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). With 18 years of loyal service to Canada, he was extended an honour almost exclusively reserved for members of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

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Le repos à volonté du commis-chef de l'ERRAC



Par le capitaine Nicholas Kaempffer

Le 2 mars 2016, le sergent Raymond David, commis-chef de l'École du Régiment royal de l'artillerie canadienne (ERRAC), a eu le privilège de tirer un « dernier coup » avant sa retraite des Forces armées canadiennes (FAC). Cumulant dix-huit années de loyaux services pour le Canada, il a reçu un honneur qui est réservé presque exclusivement aux membres du Régiment royal de l'artillerie canadienne. [LIRE PLUS](#)

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