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*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
 Between the crosses, row on row,  
 That mark our place: and in the sky  
 The larks still bravely singing fly  
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead: Short days ago,  
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
 Loved and were loved: and now we lie  
 In Flanders fields!*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe  
 To you, from failing hands, we throw  
 The torch: be yours to hold it high  
 If ye break faith with us who die,  
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
 In Flanders fields*



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## DEFENCE NEWS

## Remembrance Day 2015: Why John McCrae's In Flanders Fields still resonates



CBC News

When Micah Brodovsky pauses to consider his favourite words in the iconic First World War poem In Flanders Fields, the Grade 8 student's mind drifts to a line near the end. It is a simple line — "If ye break faith with us who die" — and comes in the third and final stanza of a poem not only much memorized, but, arguably, etched deeply into the Canadian psyche over the 100 years since it was written. [READ MORE](#)

## 117,000 trees to be planted along Highway of Heroes to honour fallen soldiers



Global News

The Ontario government plans to further honour Canada's fallen soldiers by planting 117,000 trees along the Highway of Heroes beginning in 2016. The province announced it will place one tree along Highway 401 between Trenton and Toronto for every soldier who has been killed serving Canada since Confederation. [READ MORE](#)

## As we remember, let's think about doing more for Canada's veterans



Globe and Mail

Our parents tell us stories from their lives and we absorb some of the elements, twisting and marrying details actual and imagined into a narrative that we replay for ourselves (and perhaps our own children), long after our parents are gone and no longer able to fill in the blanks. [READ MORE](#)

## 2015 Veterans ombudsman commendation recipients announced Lt.-Gen. the honourable Romeo Dallaire (Ret'd) and Capt. Ray Kokkonen (Ret'd)



Marketwired

Canada's Veterans Ombudsman Guy Parent will present today presented the 2015 Veterans Ombudsman Commendation to Lt.-Gen. the Honourable Romeo Dallaire (Ret'd) and Capt. Raimo (Ray) Kokkonen (Ret'd) for their exceptional contribution to the well-being of Veterans and their families. The Veterans Ombudsman Commendation is awarded yearly in recognition of the efforts of individuals and groups who exemplify exceptional leadership and advocacy on behalf of Veterans and their families, promote their fair treatment, and work to bring about change to ensure they have the support they need and deserve. [READ MORE](#)

## Canadian military plane detained in Iraq for several days, defence department says



Toronto Sun

The Defence Department says a CC-130 Hercules — flying to Erbil, Iraq, in support of Operation Impact — was held by authorities at Baghdad International Airport for several days late last month. Department of National Defence spokeswoman Dominique Tessier said in an email that the plane was held due to an issue with customs documentation with respect to its cargo. [READ MORE](#)

## The RCAF helmet that sparked a 70-year mystery



Toronto Star

Dominique Lemaire always felt a heaviness when he looked at the leather helmet from the Second World War. It came to his father in the days when planes, men and bombs fell from the sky. In the early hours of June 13, 1944, a Royal Canadian Air Force bomber was shot down on the outskirts of Foncquevillers, the village where both his parents grew up. How did his father, a member of the French Resistance, come to own it? Dominique never knew. [READ MORE](#)

## Canadian military spouses' pension problems to be reviewed



Huffington Post

The federal department in charge of retirement benefits has quietly been reviewing its protocols amid concerns that military spouses were wrongfully being rejected for old age security payments. The review has been going on since

at least June after reports emerged of one military spouse being asked for myriad documentation, including mortgage payment and high school graduation records, to prove her eligibility for old age security. **READ MORE**

## WWI howitzer on display in Saint John after being in 'tough shape'



CBC News

A six-inch howitzer gun used by New Brunswick troops in the First World War has been restored and transferred to the Loyal Company Association and the 3rd Field Regiment in Saint John. For decades the gun sat atop Fort Howe in Saint John, where it was neglected and mistreated. **READ MORE**

## Is it time to make Remembrance Day a national statutory holiday?



Huffington Post

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, Canadians give pause to remember the sacrifices of the men and women who've gone to fight on Canada's behalf. But how much time you'll have to remember Canada's fallen soldiers depends on which province you live in. That's because not all provinces view Nov. 11 as a statutory holiday. Only in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and Nova Scotia is the day not considered a stat. **READ MORE**

### RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

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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 Canonier "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.

## Canada's Phantom Regiment

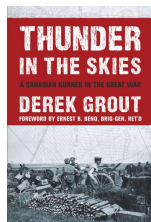


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You are cordially invited to enjoy this exciting new film with key people in the production of it. There will be a screening of the new documentary about the 12th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery (1940-1945), on Sunday November 15th, 2015, at 1 p.m. in Palmerston, Ontario.

[Click here to view the poster.](#)

## Thunder in the Skies



Lifetime Member of RCAA, Ernest B. Beno, BGen (Ret'd) , wrote the forward of **Thunder in the Skies**.

*What was it like to be a field gunner in the Great War? Drawing on the unpublished letters and diary of field gunner Lt. Bert Sargent and his fellow soldiers, Thunder in the Skies takes the reader from enlistment in late 1914, through training camp, to the Somme, Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, the Hundred Days Offensive, and home again with peace. **READ MORE***

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- [5 ways to keep your remembrance day poppy in place](#) (City News)
- [Canadian-led NATO exercise with more than 36,000 soldiers a 'dramatic show of force' aimed at Putin](#) (National Post)
- [Canadian war poem, \*In Flanders Fields\*, to be honoured](#) (CBC News)

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