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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

National Sentry Program Suspended



RCAA

The National Sentry Program has been suspended for the 2016 season, said the Department of National Defence in a statement issued on April 1. The suspension is caused by rehabilitation work taking place at the National War Memorial that will make the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier inaccessible to the public. **READ MORE**

RCAS Gunners Garner Glory as B League Hockey Champions



Captain Nicholas Kaempffer

"Close," as they say, "only counts for horseshoes and high explosive." While members of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School (RCAS) may not be familiar with the former, they are certainly world-class experts in the on-time, on-target provision of the latter. In this vein, the RCAS B League Hockey Team was crowned as Base Gagetown Champions for the 2015-16 season, as they overcame their Technical Services opponents by a narrow but conclusive margin, with a 2-1 victory during a thrilling game on the 30th of March, 2016. Coached by Captain Michael Conley, and Captained by Sergeant Chad Giles, Gunners of all-ranks battled hard on the ice to seize and maintain a lead through two intense periods of play. **READ MORE**

56 Field Regiment





Captain Karl Fitzgerald-Sloman

56 Field Regiment has been busy in both the field and garrison. One major event that needs to be told is the visit of Col Tim Young the Regimental Colonel. The event was based around a mixed dining in organized and hosted by the 69th Field Battery. The dinner allows for members and previous serving members to come together and salute their affiliation with 69 Battery. **READ MORE**

RCHA Heritage Newsletter — April 2016



RCHA

We are going to have photos! Our new volunteer newsletter photographer is Dave Marshall. Welcome Dave and Thank you for your contributions. RCHA member, Cathy Sheppard, who is often seen taking photos of many events throughout the year will also be submitting her photos to the newsletter! Thank you Cathy! **READ MORE**

DEFENCE NEWS

Military search and rescue won't be privatized, defence minister says



National Post

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan has headed off a potentially divisive debate by declaring the Liberal government will not privatize military search and rescue. Sajjan made the comments in response to an NDP question, after the Citizen revealed that the government's defence review included questions about whether there were alternatives to having the military conduct search and rescue missions. **READ MORE**

Compensation system for injured, ill reservists 'cumbersome'



CTV News

A review of the way sick and injured Canadian military reservists are compensated has found the process to be "too complex and cumbersome," as well as unfair in some cases. The office of the Canadian Forces Ombudsman released its second report on issues within Canada's Reserve Force. The report concludes that the Department of National Defence must improve the governance and administration of the compensation system. **READ MORE**

Questions raised about who is advising Veterans Affairs Minister Kent Hehr



Ottawa Citizen

This past week, a ministerial advisory group met under highly surreptitious circumstances. Identity of members, their credentials, agendas, minutes, remuneration, confidentiality clauses and nomination process are all concealed as if this were a CSIS operation. Sadly, veterans whose future is affected by such meetings have been widely excluded. **READ MORE**

Disabled Edmonton veteran has to prove again his legs are still gone



Global News

An Edmonton veteran is asking the federal government to streamline its processes so veterans don't have to fill out as many forms to prove permanent disability. Mast.- Cpl. (Ret'd) Paul Franklin told Global News the pile of paperwork he has to fill out for different organizations on an annual basis is nearly a foot high. **READ MORE**

Veterans Affairs offices could re-open within the next year



CBC News

A Veterans Affairs office could re-open within a year in Windsor, according to the Liberal government. The timeline was included in a letter to Windsor West MP Brian Masse, after he wrote Veterans Affairs minister Kent Hehr asking when the office would re-open. The language of the letter is not good enough for Masse. He said he

expected a more detailed confirmation in response to his inquiry. **READ MORE**

RETIREMENTS

Colonel Williams



Colonel WILLIAMS, P.J. will retire from the Canadian Forces on 13 June 2016 after 35 years of loyal service to Canada and to "the guns". Commissioned in 1985, his regimental service includes command of D Battery, 2RCHA, Chief Instructor of Gunnery at RCAS and command of 1RCHA. His extra-regimental staff appointments have been in a wide variety of operational and planning duties at NDHQ. **READ MORE**

THE LAST POST

HILLYARD, H.H. (Bus), WWII, 2 April 2016

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SMITH, Col D. Ian OMM, CD, 10 Feb 2016

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