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### DEFENCE NEWS

## Justin Trudeau visits Canadian military trainers in western Ukraine



CBC News

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has paid a quick visit to Canadian military trainers in western Ukraine. The excursion to the training base was meant to show appreciation to the Canadian troops from CFB Valcartier, QC, who are stationed there. It was also meant to show solidarity with the forces fighting to defend the embattled country. **READ MORE**

## Canada to send 450 soldiers, up to 6 fighter jets to eastern Europe



Toronto Star

Canada is sending hundreds of troops to Latvia for the long haul. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced at the NATO leaders' summit in Poland that Canada will take command of a 1,000-strong multinational force in Latvia, as the alliance beefs up its presence in the Baltics and Poland in response to recent Russian actions. **READ MORE**

## Alberta equine therapy program for veterans receives federal funding



Calgary Herald

When veterans arrive to take part in equine therapy program Can Praxis, Steve Critchley says it's not unusual for some of them to start out afraid of the horses. By the end of the three-day program, those same participants grow so fond of the animals that Critchley jokes "we have to physically stop them from trying to take one home in the

trunk of their car." [READ MORE](#)

## Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan makes unannounced trip to Iraq



CTV News

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan is on a covert trip to Iraq to discuss Canada's role in the fight against ISIS, but the secrecy ended when Iraqi officials posted footage of his visit to YouTube, CTV News has learned. Ottawa had asked the Iraqi government to keep Sajjan's visit quiet. [READ MORE](#)

## Windsor's Veterans Affairs office to open next year



Blackburn News

The federal government now says Windsor's Veterans Affairs Office will reopen sometime before May of 2017, but the NDP's Veteran Affairs critic says the delay has been unacceptable. Irene Matthyssen held a roundtable discussion with area veterans in Essex, including an update on plans to reopen the office. It will have been three years since the office closed and during that period, veterans have had to travel to London to meet face to face with caseworkers. [READ MORE](#)

## Veterans' advocates, area MPs seek clarification on re-opening Veterans Affairs' office



Windsor Star

Concerned over the slow pace surrounding the reopening of a local Veterans Affairs office, veterans' advocates and the area's three MPs are asking the government to provide a timeline. Second World War vet Larry Costello and Afghanistan veteran Bruce Moncur, along with NDP MPs Tracey Ramsey, Brian Masse and Cheryl Hardcastle, made the request in a letter sent to Minister of Veterans Affairs Kent Hehr. [READ MORE](#)

## Search-and-rescue trainees in Lutsel K'e, N.W.T. help with real-life events



CBC News

Belinda Michel has been with the Canadian Rangers for 20 years, but her experience has never involved search-and-rescue training, let alone real-life searches, near her community of Lutsel K'e, N.W.T. But things can change. The military's Operation Nunakput was in Lutsel K'e to help train people, including rangers, members of the RCMP and navy, as well as fisheries and wildlife officers. [READ MORE](#)

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### RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

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## Silver Cross Awarded to Gunners Family



*The following has been passed to the Royal Regiment by the wife of the late LCol Alain Couture with respect to the Government of Canada awarding the Memorial Cross to his family.*

Dear friends,

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Veterans Affairs Canada has granted us the Memorial Cross, better known as the Silver Cross.

Veterans Affairs Canada granted us the honor as a memento of our personal loss and sacrifice, And - most important to us - the recognition that Alain's illness and passing was a result of his service and sacrifice.

Alain has served his queen and country with great pride, commitment and dedication; in Canada and abroad (some of them dangerous places where he witnessed great atrocities).

We will wear the Cross with honor, pride and in memory of my beloved husband / our beloved father.

Els, Mark and David Couture

## 1 RCHA Young Guns Annual Reunion



This reunion held in Trenton every year, is a gathering of young gunners who served in Germany with 1RCHA during the 70's and 80's. Everyone is welcome see details below.

**What:** 1 RCHA Reunion (Germany time frame)  
**Where:** Trenton Ontario  
**When:** 29-31 July

29 July 2016- Meet and Greet Trenton Legion

30 July 2016- Golfing (Rick Reid for Details) It has a start time of 1045 hrs at the Base Golf Course

30 July 2016- Approx. 1700hrs (5pm) There will be an evening party at the Trenton Legion (a German Meal prepared By Tim Phinney number for meals to Rick Reid)

Entertainment will be provided by Joe Claus and his Merry band with special Guest star singer Pete Lewis. Should be a great night. 31 July 2016 there is a usually breakfast for those who wish to attend and final farewells. Contact: Lane Lambert

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## Sgt (Ret'd) Tom Green receives the Colonel Commandant's Commendation



You have to go back to 1963 in Shilo to remember this incident and in the last QUADRANT spring issue there is an excellent article by Brian Reid called 1963: The year of the premature. Congratulations to Sgt (Ret'd) Tom Green on receiving the Col Commandant's Commendation. Sergeant Tom Green received this Commendation for exemplary actions during a live fire exercise when a shell, with a faulty fuse, exploded immediately after leaving the 105mm howitzer. A detailed copy of the commendation will be available at a later date. Tom is a proud member of DZ Vancouver Island.

### THE LAST POST

**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

## TRENDING ARTICLES

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- [Canada to send troops to Latvia for new NATO brigade](#) (CBC News)
- [Defence minister set to lay out steps to replace aging fighter jets](#) (CTV News)
- [DND confirms veterans on reserve list are public servants](#) (CBC News)

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