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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

Announcement of new Executive Director



I'm pleased to announce that Col Peter J. Williams has agreed to accept the position of RCAA Executive Director effective mid-March 2017. Col Williams recently retired from the Regular Force and is a former Regimental Colonel, experience that will be beneficial in his new role.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. W. Elliott (Ret'd)
President
Royal Canadian Artillery Association

Announce du nouveau directeur exécutif



Je suis heureux d'annoncer que le Col Peter J. Williams a accepté d'occuper le poste de directeur exécutif de l'AARC à compter de la mi-mars 2017. Col Williams a récemment pris sa retraite de la Force régulière et son expérience à titre d'ancien colonel du Régiment, lui sera certes un atout dans ce nouveau rôle.

Lieutenant-colonel R. W. Elliott (Ret.)
Président
Association de l'artillerie royale canadienne

RCA Band



See the attached three short articles from the RCA Band concerning their upcoming activities in the UK and France and the proposed Drum Major's new sash.

[The Road to Vimy — 100th Anniversary Celebrations, The Royal Canadian Artillery Band](#)

[Canada 150, Buckingham Palace and the Queen's Guard — The Royal Canadian Artillery Band](#)

[The Drum Major's Sash — The True Face of the Royal Canadian Artillery Band with Proposed Artwork](#)

Take Post — The Journal of the Toronto Gunner Community: Edition 16, 14 March, 2017



THIS EDITION:

- New Director of Artillery, Colonel LaFortune
- RSM's Words of Wisdom
- 4 Div Arty Junior Ranks Dinner
- The Great Escape!!!
- Much Socializing! [READ MORE](#)

Black Watch Military Tattoo 8 avril 2017 Centre Bell / Black Watch Military Tattoo 8 April 2017 Bell Centre



[Click here to view the poster.](#) See the attached flyer as well. [READ MORE](#)

Atlantic Gunners Reunion: 26-28 May 17



This year, the meet and greet will be at the Hazen Centre, overlooking the Oromocto River. We hope to go back to the RC Legion once the acoustics are fixed in their main room. We will have the ladies' wine and cheese, our annual meeting, dinner and dance with breakfast on Sunday at the legion.

The [2017 newsletter](#), [registration form](#) and [agenda](#) are attached.

The Gunners of Canada, Volume III, 1967-2014 Progress Update / Les Artilleurs du Canada, Volume III. 1967-2014 Mise-à-jour



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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.

DEFENCE NEWS

UK police officer killed in terror attack in London was a retired Gunner



The Guardian

The family of Keith Palmer, the police officer stabbed to death by a terrorist as he guarded the Palace of Westminster on Wednesday, have paid tribute to a "wonderful dad and husband" who was "dedicated to his job, brave and courageous." PC Palmer, 48, was married with a five-year-old daughter. His family said they were devastated by his death. He had joined the parliamentary and diplomatic protection command unit less than a year ago, but had been in the Met since 2001. **READ MORE**

Liberals' second budget leaves big questions on vets' pensions, defence spending



CTV News

The Liberals checked off many of their remaining promises to veterans in the federal budget, but left one big priority marked incomplete: Giving injured ex-soldiers pensions for life. And anyone who was hoping to see more money committed to the Canadian military was left disappointed as the government did precisely the opposite, delaying billions of dollars in planned spending for new equipment. Finance Minister Bill Morneau's new fiscal plan did include new spending for veterans and their families, which would cost the government \$624 million over five years if everyone who was eligible accessed the services right away. **READ MORE**

More military veterans granted access to Perley Rideau



Ottawa Community News

The Perley Rideau is in celebration mode now that it has been given the green light to set aside 25 long-term care beds for those eligible military veterans who served after the Korean War. Just days before the recent announcement, seven veterans had been admitted to the long-term care home, with many more working through the application process. "I wouldn't be surprised if the 25 beds filled up pretty quickly," said Akos Hoffer, chief executive of the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre, located in Ottawa's Riverview Park neighbourhood. "It's an important first step and we'll see where we go from here. We're very pleased." **READ MORE**

Une nouvelle génération d'anciens combattants au Centre de santé Perley et Rideau



Radio-Canada

Jusqu'à récemment, seuls les vétérans de la Seconde Guerre mondiale et de la guerre de Corée étaient admissibles au Centre de santé Perley et Rideau d'Ottawa. Les critères ont cependant changé et il est désormais possible pour les membres des Casques bleus et des Forces armées canadiennes à la retraite de bénéficier des soins de longue durée dans cet établissement. **LIRE PLUS**

New employment help for spouses of Canadian Armed Forces members



Edmonton Journal

Military spouses across Canada will be able to get help in finding a new career as the METSpouse program expands nationwide this April. Canada Company — a federal charity that helps military members transition into civilian life with a focus on finding new employment — in partnership with Military Family Services plans to expand the METSpouse program coast to coast on April 19. **READ MORE**

Army seeking reservists in Alberta recruitment drive



Edmonton Sun

Army recruiters are hoping new rules will make it easier than ever to join the local reserves. Fifty-five prospective recruits between the ages of 16 and 57 tried being a "soldier for a day" at an open house at the Philip L. Debney Armoury at 8403 Roper Road, learning how to march and stand in formation, navigate with a map and compass, how to deploy in a section during an assault and how to use a weapon. **READ MORE**

La Force au Féminin tient sa Tournée des femmes militaires du Québec



45e Nord

Fondée par Maryse Lavoie il y a un an, la Force au Féminin est une organisation créée avant tout, pour

rassembler et unir les femmes issues de tous les domaines professionnels, mais aussi pour leur offrir un moyen de faire évoluer la société en les soutenant dans leurs professions et dans leurs communautés. La Tournée des femmes militaires au Québec a rassemblé un grand nombre de femmes et d'hommes des forces armées canadiennes (FAC) mais aussi des civils. **LIRE PLUS**

How Canada's bloodiest day at Vimy defined Great War sacrifice



Maclean's

In the end, it came down to a battalion of aggrieved Nova Scotians, mostly men from Cape Breton, to put the final seal on the Canadian army's most iconic victory and the bloodiest day in the country's military history. By 6:00 p.m. on April 9, 1917, Canadians and Germans had already been mowed down in their thousands across the heights of Vimy Ridge. Along the far right edge of the battlefield, Arthur Currie's 1st Division had swept along four kilometres of Vimy's most gentle terrain at a cost of 2,500 casualties, a dead or wounded man for every metre and a half. **READ MORE**

Bomb factories, village command posts: Islamic State's rural fight



Yahoo!

Islamic State fighters have pulled out of this deserted village on the Tigris river, which Iraqi commanders say was a crucial outpost defending their nearby stronghold of Mosul, but signs of their presence abound. As the sounds of battle echo in the distance, the stinking corpses of dead militants line a path from a home they used as a command post down to the river bank. An enormous cement plant nearby still contains dozens of rockets and booby-trapped car bombs, one of which killed sappers entering the facility recently. **READ MORE**

THE LAST POST



HAMPSON, Lisa, Maj, CO of 7 Int Coy and wife of LCol Jim Hampson, CO 30 Fd, 19 Mar 17

DANCEY, Brian (Satch), 18 Mar 17

SPRAGUE, Robert, RCN WWII and RCA Korea, 07 Mar 17

SAUERACKER, Ron, Sgt (Ret'd), 30 Fd, 03 Mar 17

WYNNCHENKO, Bill, Sgt (Ret'd), Korea, 25 Feb 17

TRENDING ARTICLES

Missed last week's issue? See which articles your colleagues read most.

- [1942 Ford Field Artillery Tractor, Artillery Support Group, Guelph, ON](#)
- [Gunner Digitization](#)
- [Wounded soldiers to get higher payments as Liberals hedge on pension promise \(CBC News\)](#)

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