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Editorial

You'll notice this month's edition has a decidedly female twist. March 8th is when we honour women of all nations on International Women's Day. I have therefore tried to insert as many articles to demonstrate that women are indeed making headway in the CAF and in the RCA. Bravo to these role models! You inspire all of us to reach for the unattainable.

March has been a month centered on getting to know our website and newsletter platform better. In particular, the membership aspect of our association. Our RCA Association President, Leon Jensen, took up the challenge to identify serving members and RCAA members in our newsletter database in order to ensure we use both communications platforms to their maximum capacity. Some of you may have received correspondence indicating you can now communicate with other members of the RCA Association through a personalized portal on the website (rca-arc.org).

L'Édito

Vous remarquerez que l'édition de ce mois-ci est résolument féminine. Le 8 mars, nous rendons hommage aux femmes de toutes les nations à l'occasion de la Journée internationale de la femme. J'ai donc essayé d'insérer autant d'articles pour démontrer que les femmes progressaient effectivement dans les FAC et dans l'ARC. Bravo à ces modèles! Vous nous inspirez tous à rechercher ce qui nous était inaccessible.

Mars a été un mois consacré à mieux connaître notre site Web et notre plateforme de bulletin. En particulier, l'aspect de l'adhésion de notre association. Le président de l'Association de l'ARC, Leon Jensen, a relevé le défi d'identifier les membres actifs et les membres de l'AARC dans notre base de données de bulletins afin de nous assurer d'utiliser les deux plateformes de communication à leur capacité maximale. Certains d'entre vous ont reçu une correspondance indiquant qu'ils peuvent désormais

Another improvement we made was to change the subscription form that appears on the website footer. We hope that will give us a bit more information about our subscribers so that we can direct them to their former colleagues using the membership portal.

One further advantage of the portal is to allow us to inform our members about affinity programs the RCA Association offers. At this time, all members of the RCAA are able to avail themselves of substantial discount for car, home and travel insurance through our affinity partner, TD Insurance Meloche Monnex. The Association hopes to add further affinity partners in coming months as a benefit to our members.

Of course the membership "campaign" was a team effort, with some of our RCAA executive cross-checking the thousands of names on our lists, one alpha letter at a time. Not an easy task, but we are encouraged that we are headed in the right direction to make this association as useful and relevant to our members as possible.

I can't resist bragging, just a little bit, about the lunch meeting I attended at Bessborough Armoury, where our honoured guest was LGen (Ret'd) Romeo Dallaire. You can read about his visit to the west coast further down in the newsletter in the **Association News section**. We hope to see General Dallaire at the **RCA Association AGM in October**.

I hope you will enjoy the **A Page from our History section**. Of particular interest is the lead up to the D-Day 75th Anniversary this June. Please check the **Upcoming Events link** for information on the Return to Normandy Tour. **There are some spots left and they are being offered at a discount**.

As usual, send me your stories, headlines, pictures or musings to editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com. Comments are always welcomed for publication in the Inbox. Looking forward to your feedback!

Catherine Gagnon
Editor

communiquer avec d'autres membres de l'AARC via un portail personnalisé sur le site Web (rca-arc.org).

Une autre amélioration que nous avons apportée a été de modifier le formulaire d'abonnement qui apparaît sur le pied de page du site Web. Nous espérons que cela nous donnera un peu plus d'informations sur nos abonnés afin que nous puissions les diriger vers leurs anciens collègues à l'aide du portail des membres.

En outre, le portail nous permet d'informer nos membres des programmes d'affinité offerts par l'AARC. À l'heure actuelle, tous les membres de l'Association de l'ARC peuvent bénéficier d'un rabais substantiel sur les assurances automobile, habitation et voyage par l'intermédiaire de notre partenaire d'affinité, TD Assurance Meloche Monnex. L'Association espère ajouter de nouveaux partenaires d'affinité dans les mois à venir, ce qui bénéficiera à ses membres.

Bien entendu, la « campagne » d'adhésion était un travail d'équipe, certains de nos dirigeants de l'AARC recoupant des milliers de noms sur nos listes, une lettre alphabétique à la fois. Ce n'est pas une tâche facile, mais nous sommes encouragés à aller dans la bonne direction pour rendre cette association aussi utile et pertinente que possible pour nos membres.

Je ne peux pas résister à me vanter, juste un petit peu, du déjeuner auquel j'ai assisté au manège militaire de Bessborough, où notre invité d'honneur était le lieutenant général (ret) Romeo Dallaire. Vous trouverez plus d'informations sur sa visite sur la côte ouest plus loin dans le bulletin d'information de la section **Nouvelles des Associations**. Nous espérons revoir le général Dallaire à l'**'AGA de l'Association de l'ARC en octobre**.

J'espère que vous apprécierez la section **Une Page de notre Histoire**. La préparation du 75e anniversaire du jour J en juin est particulièrement intéressante. Veuillez consulter le lien **É vénements à venir** pour obtenir des informations sur la tournée « Retour en Normandie ». **Il reste quelques places disponibles et elles sont offertes à prix réduit**.

Comme d'habitude, envoyez-moi vos histoires, vos titres, vos photos ou vos réflexions à editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com. Les commentaires sont toujours les bienvenus pour publication dans la boîte de réception. Dans l'attente de vos commentaires!

Catherine Gagnon
Rédactrice en chef



REGIMENTAL NEWS NOUVELLES DU RÉGIMENT

We are proud to introduce you to Bombardier Marie Maillet. Our #StrongProudReady #5DivSoldier has



just joined the .02% of the Canadian Armed Forces population by being among those who achieved PLATINUM on the FORCE evaluation test. She received a perfect score of 400! See her training program here. [See her training program here.](#)

#BASEGAGETOWN
#MISSIONREADY
#MYCAF
#5DIVSOLDIER
#STRONGWOMEN
#CANADIANARMY

Nous sommes fiers de vous présenter le bombardier Marie Maillet. Notre #FortFierPret #Soldat5eDiv vient de rejoindre les 0,02% de la population des @ForceArmeeCanadienne en faisant partie de celles qui ont atteint PLATINUM au test d'évaluation FORCE. Elle a reçu un score parfait de 400! Voir son programme de formation ci-dessous dans les commentaires.

Photo by/par Cpl G. Lapointe

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- **RCA Monthly SitRep - Feb 2019**

- **SitRep mensuel de l'ARC - fév 2019**

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- **INDIRECT FIRES MODERNIZATION – THE EVOLUTION OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY - by Col M Lafortune, Director of Artillery**

- **MODERNISATION DES FEUX INDIRECTS - L'ÉVOLUTION DE L'ARTILLERIE ROYALE CANADIENNE - par col M Lafortune, directeur de l'Artillerie**

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- **eFPLatvia BG X BTY 5 RALC 15 march 2019 - SitRep / Batterie X, SitRep pour 5 RALC 15 mars 2019**

RMC Wall of Honour

- **Brig Gen GE (Ted) Beament has been selected as an inductee to the RMC Wall of Honour. Ceremony to take place 14 Sep 19. This is the third Gunner in a row: Brit Smith in 2017, Ike Buchanan in 2018, and Ted Beament 2019.**

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- **The 49er Report - March 2019**

 - **30 Fd Regiment, RCA - SitRep vs Minutes of March 20, 2019**
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Facebook:

- **1 RCHA - Medals ceremony and the CO's Coin were being awarded last week**
 - **2 RCHA - Great visit with the Col Cmdt today at D Battery.**
 - **2 RCHA - Ex Frozen Gunner 2019**
 - **2 RCHA - The Commanding Officer's Pennant is presented to Maintenance Troop, Headquarters Battery.**
 - **2 RCHA - Bdr Oland received the Top Student Award for his outstanding performance on the CP Tech 1901 course.**
 - **1st Fd Artillery Regt, RCA - Bespoke stable belts make their way to their new owners.**
 - **1st Fd Artillery Regt, RCA - A bit of the action from Gun 3 on Ex TRENCH GUNNER III - Gagetown**
 - **1st Fd Artillery Regt, RCA - The Regiment conducted a field training exercise at CFB Gagetown from 1 to 3 March, 2019.**
 - **1st Fd Artillery Regt, RCA - Bdr Musgrave graduates from the Army Junior Leadership Course at Camp Aldershot**
 - **4th Artillery Regiment (GS), RCA - Members of the regiment test BlackJack, a Small Unmanned Aerial Vehicle at CFB Gagetown.**
 - **5e RALC - EX PIÈCES MOBILES 2019**
 - **6e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne, ARC - vidéo au ralenti d'un coup.**
 - **15th Field Regiment, RCA - Basic Military Qualification Course 0852: Capt Dempsey was the Course Officer for the BMQ course held at Bessborough Armoury.**
 - **20th Field Regiment, RCA & 20th Independent Field Battery, RCA fire the Vice Regal Salute**
 - **84th Independent Field Bty, RCA - Recently 3 members from 84 Bty had the opportunity to partake in Exercise Southbound Quest, this exercise was held in Vermont, USA.**
 - **84th Independent Field Bty, RCA - three members of 84 Bty recently got promoted to Bombardier by the Battery Commander Maj Roesler.**
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Meet Bombardier Deanna Pizunski who is serving in British Columbia on Operation PALACI, the world's largest mobile avalanche-control program.

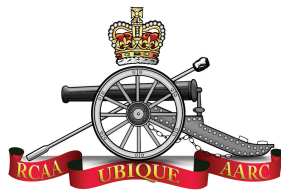
"I am trained as a gun detachment member and as a driver to tow the gun. Operation PALACI has always been a career goal of mine while being in the artillery. I feel extremely proud to be representing females in the forces on this operation. Being a female in the forces comes with its challenges but it is nevertheless rewarding. Always keep pushing towards your goals. It won't be easy but it will be worth it." - Bombardier Deanna Pizunski, Operation PALACI.

Source: Canadian Armed Forces Operations



Mon fils à remarqué que souvent j'utilise le mot "UBIQUE" et il a mentionné qu'il y a des gens qui doivent sûrement se demander pourquoi?! Donc avec son aide en traduction voici un petit historique abrégé d'où provient ce terme.... **UBIQUE!** [Suite de l'explication](#)

ASSOCIATION NEWS NOUVELLES DES ASSOCIATIONS



- Letter from the RCAA President to BGen Whelan requesting a briefing for the Exec Director regarding "The Journey". (Dec 2018)
- Follow up letter to BGen Whelan regarding the previous correspondence, said briefing and feedback. (Feb 2019)

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- Bytown Gunners - SitRep February 2019
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Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver Members Weekly Newsletters

26 Feb 2019

5 Mar 2019

12 Mar 2019

19 Mar 2019

Last week, we had a visit from LtGen (ret'd) Roméo Dallaire.

- General Dallaire was in Vancouver at the invitation of the BC Lottery Corporation to talk about the invisible wounds of mental health illnesses, including problem gambling, and solutions to reduce stigma. He then went on to Victoria the next day to receive the UVic's first Public Humanist of the Year award.
- He had the opportunity to visit with fellow gunners at the 15 Fd Officers' Mess while he was out there. His tour of Bessborough Armoury included a visit to the Museum and a chat with the Hon Col and Hon LCol about Honour House and the Juno Beach Centre. [See story and pictures here.](#)
 - **Roméo Dallaire, Craig Kielburger to speak at New Horizons in Responsible Gambling conference:** Dallaire will speak about changing the dialogue around mental health issues and share his approach to focusing on finding solutions rather than the problems to move the needle on success.
 - **Retired lieutenant-general Roméo Dallaire to receive Humanitas Award - University of Victoria**
- **La semaine dernière, nous avons eu la visite de LtGen (à la retraite) Roméo Dallaire.** Le général Dallaire était à Vancouver à l'invitation de la BC Lottery Corporation pour parler des blessures invisibles des maladies mentales, notamment du jeu problématique, et des solutions pour réduire la stigmatisation. Le lendemain, il s'est rendu à Victoria pour recevoir le premier prix Humaniste de l'année de l'UVic. [Texte et images ici.](#)
- Il a eu l'occasion de rendre visite à des collègues artilleurs au mess des officiers du 15 Fd pendant qu'il était en CB. Sa visite du manège militaire de Bessborough comprenait une visite au musée militaire et une discussion avec les colonel et le lcol honorables au sujet de Honour House et du Centre Juno Beach.

UPCOMING EVENTS ÉVÈNEMENTS À VENIR

- Up to six members of 3 BAM (the SWW reenactor group comprised of retired 2 RCA gunners) are coming to Kingston 8-12 April 19 to take the Parks Canada smoothbore cannon course at Fort Henry. They will arrive on Monday 8 April and depart Friday 12 April. They are a registered charity and to keep cost down would like to find billeting in the Kingston area, any food expenses will be reimbursed - they

will get lunch on site and be out for dinner. Anyone able to help should contact Dave Patterson 613-539-4660 or patterdave@gmail.com.

Please follow this link to upcoming events / [Suivre ce lien pour les évènements à venir](#)

DEFENSE AND SECURITY NEWS
NOUVELLES DE LA DÉFENSE ET DE LA SÉCURITÉ



The CDA Institute weekly updates of security & defence items / [L'Institut de la CAD, notre mise à jour hebdomadaire des articles de sécurité et de défense.](#)

1 Mar / 1 mar 2019

8 Mar / 8 mar 2019

15 Mar / 15 mar 2019

CDA Outreach Newsletter and Calendar of Events

Minutes, CDA Annual General Meeting of 11 Feb 2019

Canadian Army / Armée Canadienne

- [Light Urban Search and Rescue capability a perfect fit for Army Reserve](#)
- [La recherche et sauvetage en milieu urbain de niveau opérationnel léger, une capacité taillée sur mesure pour la Réserve de l'Armée](#)

The National Interest

[What the Heck Is China's Patented "Magnetized Plasma Artillery"? China's testing magnetized plasma to turn artillery into superguns](#)

Artillery: Polish Perceptions

Canadian gunners train with international counterparts

DVIDS

Leveraging Theater Assets for Long Term Sustainability

Book Announcement: Northern Fury: H-Hour

- H-Hour is the first book of a trilogy covering the outbreak of war in 1994 along the northern axes, it details the background to the cataclysmic events and follows our characters through the first hours of the war. Future complementary novels will tell the story of this war around the globe. By authors LCol (Ret'd) Bart Gauvin and Joel Radunzel (US Army).
 - Due for release on Amazon as of 6 May 2019. Visit the web page: <http://www.northernfury.us/>
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A PAGE FROM OUR HISTORY UNE PAGE DE NOTRE HISTOIRE



On 6 June 1944, 14,000 Canadians landed on Juno Beach as part of the Allied invasion of Normandy, known to history as D-Day. By the end of August, more than 90,000 Canadians participated in the fighting from Juno to the closing the Falaise Pocket, the beginning of the end for Hitler's Germany. Nearly 5,500 Canadians were killed in Normandy and remain there today. [Read about Canada's Commemorative Campaign.](#)

Le 6 juin 1944, 14 000 Canadiens participèrent au Débarquement allié en Normandie, qui allait conduire les libérateurs sur les chemins de la Victoire en Europe. A la fin août, plus que 90 000 d'entre eux avaient participé aux batailles sur Juno Beach, dans les champs et les villages normands, jusqu'à la fermeture de la poche de Falaise qui marqua le commencement de la fin de l'Allemagne nazie. Pendant la campagne de Normandie, **5 500 soldats canadiens sont morts au combat et reposent en Normandie.** [Lire les détails sur la Campagne commémorative canadienne.](#)

BATTLE OF NORMANDY VETERAN **JACK COMMERFORD** RECALLS HIS TIME AS A GUNNER WITH 2ND HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT REGIMENT .

Watch

ROBERT SPENCER, POSTED OVERSEAS AS A REINFORCEMENT OFFICER, HE JOINED 4TH CANADIAN ARMoured DIVISION AND PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION TOTALIZE, A MAJOR ARMoured THRUST SOUTH OF CAEN.

Watch

BATTLE OF NORMANDY VETERAN **GEORGE CHOW** DESCRIBES HIS SERVICE AS A ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNNER IN THE 16TH LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY.

Watch

The 18-pounder Field Gun in Canadian Service by Doug Knight relates the career of the 18-pounder gun in the Royal Canadian Artillery, from the first order from Vickers in 1903 until its retirement during the Second World War. The emphasis in the book is on the gun and, in addition to its service overseas, describes its service in Canada during the First World War, mechanization in the 1930s, and traces the individual history of some of the surviving guns. The text is illustrated by colour and black and white photographs.

[Read the full book here](#)

Canadian Families Magazine

A History of Canadian Women in the Armed Forces - skip down to 1988!

St. Mary's Battery Restoration: "Of the four original 9 pounder cannons we had installed in 1779, we only have one of the originals left. In the past year we have acquired two others and still seek the fourth." [Read the full story here.](#)



1 RCHA - Regimental Lines in Lahr – Then and Now.

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Women in Defence and Security - Annual Memorial Scholarship Breakfast 2019 - Honouring women in defence and security organizations who have lost their lives by suicide, and those who continue to struggle with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and mental health.

Watch

- **Women in Defense and Security** - [Scholarships for women wanting to pursue careers related to Canada's defence and security.](#)
 - "In 2012, three scholarships were presented in honour of Gunner Arielle Keyes-Oliver, 19-year-old first-year Carleton University student and member of the 30th Field Regiment in the Royal Canadian Artillery, who passed away tragically after an army truck carrying 10 soldiers rolled over during a weekend military exercise at CFB Petawawa on Saturday October 25, 2008."

Canadian Military Family Magazine

- **MacEwan University looking for volunteers**
- **VETS Canada brings awareness to female veterans**
- **Female military pioneer hosts transition workshops for women in the military community**
- **Canada makes top 5 country for women list**
- **Homes for Heroes Foundation laying groundwork for veteran's village in Edmonton**

Servir Montreal

- **Bourse d'études pour les personnes à charge (incluant les conjoints) d'un membre des FAC. - Appuyons nos troupes**
- **Support Our Troops - National Scholarship Program for dependents (including spouses) of CF members.**
- **Maj (ret) Sandra Perron parle de son expérience en tant que femme dans les forces armées. (vidéo)**

National Association of Federal Retirees / Association national des retraités fédéraux

- **New PSHCP pensioner contribution rates**
- **Nouveaux taux de cotisation que les pensionnés doivent verser au RSSFP**

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

- **MNET - MOSID/NOC Equivalency Tool**
- **L'Outil D'Équivalence SGPM/CNP (OESC)**

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We'd like to hear from you! In an effort to enhance the overall content of the now monthly "Canadian Gunner News" newsletter, we'd like to see some of your news in future editions. Please submit any suggested news articles, links, or upcoming events to the Editor at: editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com. Please ensure that the articles are timely and relevant, and include captioned photos. Submissions for "Canadian Gunner News" should be received by 0900 PST the Monday prior to the last Thursday of each month. Comments/suggestions regarding "Canadian Gunner News" should be sent to editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com. The Royal Canadian Artillery Association reserves the right to accept or reject any submissions received. Articles will appear in adherence to our editorial deadlines.

Nous aimerions avoir de vos nouvelles! Dans le but d'améliorer le contenu global du bulletin maintenant mensuel « Nouvelles des artilleurs canadiens », nous aimerions voir certaines de vos nouvelles dans les prochaines éditions. Veuillez soumettre des articles d'information, des liens ou des événements à venir, à l'éditeur à l'adresse courriel suivante: editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com. Assurez-vous que les articles sont opportuns et pertinents, et comprennent des photos sous-titrées. Les soumissions pour les « Nouvelles des artilleurs canadiens » devraient être reçues au plus tard à 09h HNP le lundi précédant le dernier jeudi de chaque mois. Les commentaires / suggestions concernant les «Nouvelles des artilleurs canadiens » doivent être envoyés à editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com. L'Association de l'Artillerie royale canadienne se réserve le droit d'accepter ou de rejeter les soumissions reçues. Les articles apparaîtront selon nos délais de rédaction.



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