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### Editorial

#### Our virtual reality

The Gunner you see pictured above is Errol Patrick of Orleans. He is wearing the mask he received as a 90th birthday gift. [Have a look at the celebration his family organized](#), respecting the restrictions that are our new reality.

### L'Édito

#### Notre réalité virtuelle

L'artilleur que vous voyez sur la photo ci-dessus est l'adjuc (retraité) Errol Patrick d'Orléans. Il porte le masque qu'il a reçu en cadeau du 90e anniversaire. [Jetez un œil à la célébration organisée par sa famille](#), en respectant les restrictions qui sont notre nouvelle réalité.

In this month's newsletter, you see evidence of adjustments we've made since our world changed in March. Promotions and recognitions are conducted at a safe distance. I've seen more than one picture of RCAS CO LCol Katherine Haire passing rank badges over using a regimental sword. Or partners awarding said badges to their spouse while standing outside their own home. Change of Command ceremonies have now become occasions for virtual Watch Parties, announcements and invitations being made using well produced, publicly shared videos. Even the RMC Graduation ceremonies were broadcast via live stream so that families and graduates could celebrate from a safe distance.

We taken to watching our screens to meet up with our friends and family for joyous occasions and for solemn moments when our nation joined in mourning. Whether it be to mourn the accidental deaths of our service members or to commemorate the end of the Second World War, we have found a way to turn private moments into public displays of emotion, pride and remembrance.

As we move forward, your Association hopes to increase its ability to connect all of us. Read the President's message on that topic in **Association News**.

I wanted to draw your attention to some excellent articles that were provided on the subject of the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands and VE Day. Most of these are found in the **History section** of the newsletter. There is also plenty to read in articles and publications from our Government or the CAF. Find those in the **Defence News** section.

Last month, I wrote about my Artillery sweetheart pin (or brooch). I had a number of emails regarding that topic, so I thought I'd include some pictures that were sent to me by readers. It's lovely that I was able to take some of you down memory lane.

Enjoy the May issue of the Canadian Gunner News. If you know of anyone who should be reading it, please tell them to subscribe by clicking on the Subscribe button on our Website – [rca-arc.org](http://rca-arc.org). And if you've missed any of the issues of this publication, you'll find them neatly arranged in the Publications section of the RCA-ARC Website.

**Stay Home, stay well and stay connected!**

**Catherine Gagnon**  
Editor

## The Inbox/La boîte de réception

Dans le bulletin de ce mois, vous voyez les preuves des ajustements que nous avons apportés depuis que notre monde a changé en mars. Les promotions et reconnaissances sont effectuées à une distance de sécurité. J'ai vu plus d'une photo du commandant de l'École de l'ARC, Lcol Katherine Haire en train de passer des insignes de grade en utilisant une épée régimentaire. Ou les partenaires accordant lesdits insignes à leur conjoint devant leur propre résidence. Les cérémonies de passation de commandement sont maintenant devenues des occasions pour des parties de surveillance virtuelles, des annonces et des invitations faites à l'aide de vidéos bien produites et partagées publiquement. Même les cérémonies de remise des diplômes du CMR ont été diffusées en direct afin que les familles et les diplômés puissent célébrer à distance.

Nous avons pris l'habitude de regarder nos écrans pour rencontrer nos amis et notre famille pour des occasions joyeuses et pour des moments solennels où notre nation s'est jointe au deuil. Que ce soit pour pleurer la mort accidentelle de nos militaires ou pour commémorer la fin de la Seconde Guerre mondiale, nous avons trouvé un moyen de transformer des moments privés en manifestations publiques d'émotion, de fierté et de souvenir.

À mesure que nous progressons, votre Association espère accroître sa capacité à nous connecter tous. Lisez le message du président sur ce sujet dans la section **Nouvelles des associations**.

Je voulais attirer votre attention sur d'excellents articles qui ont été fournis au sujet du 75e anniversaire de la libération des Pays-Bas et du Jour de la victoire. La plupart d'entre eux se trouvent dans la section **Histoire** du bulletin. Il y a aussi beaucoup à lire dans les articles et publications de notre gouvernement ou des FAC. Trouvez-les dans la section **Nouvelles de la défense**.

Le mois dernier, je vous ai parlé de mon épinglette (ou broche) d'Artillerie. J'ai reçu un certain nombre de courriels à ce sujet. J'ai donc pensé inclure des photos qui m'ont été envoyées par les lecteurs. C'est très agréable que j'ai pu vous rappelé certains bons souvenirs.

Profitez du numéro de mai des Nouvelles des artilleurs canadiens. Si vous connaissez quelqu'un qui devrait le lire, veuillez lui dire de s'abonner en cliquant sur le bouton S'abonner sur notre site Web - [rca-arc.org](http://rca-arc.org). Si vous avez manqué l'un des numéros de cette publication, vous les trouverez soigneusement organisés dans la section Publications du site Web de RCA-ARC.

**Restez à la maison, restez bien et restez connecté!**

**Catherine Gagnon**  
Rédactrice en chef

In reading your latest édition of the Barrage, I read with great interest the section on Gen Ziegler as I had the opportunity to dine with Gen. Ziegler during a Staff College field trip to Italy in 1987. Throughout that evening, he shared many interesting and captivating stories. It was mentioned that he had written an unpublished biography. Do you have a copy and if so, would it be possible to get an e-copy of this document?

Best regards,  
Michel Duhamel  
Col RCA (retd)

(editor's note: I forwarded this question to the Director, RCA Museum who was able to respond to this request.)

I too wear my Artillery pins with honour ... gifts from my husband Archie Beare. I am mother to Murray and Stuart Beare and grandmother to Sarah Beare.

I wish you well,  
Marcia Beare

Joined 85 Ret 93, I served H BTY 86 3 RCHA

Bruce Schimkus

(editor's note: Bruce sent along a few pictures - [this one as an example](#))

Just reading your editorial and the comments in regard to the lovely pin your husband gave you and the memories it brings. I couldn't help but recall an Arty Pin my mother had that my Dad gave her in the early 1940's and which were popular with several of the wives of officers in his gunner regiment. That pin which I have is just quite plain and made of brass like a lapel pin, though larger and with colours of red, blue, and green in the design. It just has a long pin with a lock on it.

I recall my Mum always wore it when she was on duty as a hostess at The Vancouver "Allied Officer's Club", which was a hospitality club for visiting Commonwealth and other allied armed forces officers visiting Vancouver. I recall it was on West Georgia Street on the south side at a point in the first few blocks west of Burrard Street.

I must say that the Canadian Gunner News is always a top notch read I look forward to reading.

Yours truly,  
Bob Spring

(editor's note: Bob sent me a [picture of his mother's pin](#).)

Check out [RegimentalBrooches.com](#).

A very nice diamond encrusted grenade can be had for GBP 1200.

Cheap at twice the price!

Jim

(Editor's note: So what self-respecting Artillery fan wouldn't go check out that website? And then I remembered speaking to Stu McDonald about his wife's collection of regimental pins. That resulted in a picture and email.)

Most of them are smaller versions of the standard RCA capbadge and were produced by jewellery manufacturers.

Some of them may be Royal Artillery sweetheart pins, produced by jewellery manufacturers in the UK.

The two large ones (in silver and gold coloured metal) were sold by Birks, in Victoria, in the 1970s.

Cheers,  
Stu McDonald  
( [View image here](#))

Catherine:

It is indeed seldom that a military editor with a monthly offering can break my heart, make me smile and feel proud to be a Gunner all at once but by heavens you have done it!

A Gunner broach, a sentimental glimpse of a wartime mother. You had me from hello! I loved the way you wove the RCA Association into a sense of longing for stability and normalcy by referencing COVID 19 and all of our continuing struggles with isolation and our hearts wishing for normalcy.

Well written, well said, thank you for making my day.

An old Gunner but a Gunner yet!

Fredrick Keith LaForge

( Editor's note: Fredrick wrote a few days later to tell us his [book](#) was #1 on the Amazon Canadian Bestsellers list. Congratulations!)



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**REGIMENTAL NEWS  
NOUVELLES DU RÉGIMENT**

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- **Loyal Greetings - Artillery Day 2020 / Jour de l'Artillerie 2020**
- **Greetings from the Master Gunner St. James Park - Artillery Day 2020**

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**Members of 2 Platoon, A Coy, Task Force Vcr on OP LASER conducted a training exercise called Ex: Tartan Buccaneer on 26 May 20 ( Artillery Day).**

- The joint trg with HMCS Discovery and other 39 CBG pers involved transport on RHIB's across Vancouvers harbour followed by a 1 hr 40 min forced march north of Deep Cove on steep, uneven and slippery terrain with approx 30 lbs in their small packs. Following this they returned to HMCS Discovery. 2 platoon consists of 33 pers from 15th Fd Regt RCA personnel.



Back row L to R: Bdr Albert Law, Bdr Carlos Larios Lacayo, MBdr Dan Taylor, Bdr Samuel David, Gnr Rasmus Dolleris, Gnr Erik Iversen

Front row L to R: Capt Rob Wishnicki, Gnr Jennifer Wong, Gnr Robin Chan and Bdr Steven Hoogendorp.

*Photo & captions: Capt Rob Wishnicki*

LCol Ryan Stimpson (CO 1 RCHA) and his team have assumed command of Canada's latest Task Force rotation to the CAF training mission in Ukraine. This represents the first time that an RCA unit has held leadership of the Task Force, and so its a great day for the Guns and for 1 RCHA in particular.

- [Change of Command at Operation UNIFIER](#)

Le lcol Ryan Stimpson (cmdt 1 RCHA) et son équipe ont assumé le commandement de la dernière rotation de la Force opérationnelle du Canada à la mission d'entraînement des FAC en Ukraine. C'est la première fois qu'une unité de l'ARC exerce la direction de la Force opérationnelle, et c'est donc une excellente journée pour les canons et pour le 1 RCHA en particulier.

- [Passation du commandement dans le cadre de l'opération UNIFIER](#)

RCAS

- [Soldiers Recognized at the RCAS](#)

15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA

- [Change of Command Ceremony](#)

## ASSOCIATION NEWS NOUVELLES DES ASSOCIATIONS

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- [\*\*RCA Association - President's message\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Association de l'ARC - message du président\*\*](#)

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### Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver Members Weekly Newsletters

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

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- **The CDA Institute updates of security & defence items / L'Institut de la CAD, notre mise à jour hebdomadaire des articles de sécurité et de défense (contenu en anglais).**

### VIMY AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Canadian Military Family Magazine

- General Vance addresses tragic accidents, Op Laser and returning to the workplace.
- Over 230 Officers graduate from RMC in virtual ceremony
  - Facebook link to ceremony
- Canadian Army Journal - 18.1 2020
- Journal de l'Armée Canadienne - 18.1 2020

Canadian Army Today

- Manoeuvre in the information domain
  - "In recent presentations, including to the Canadian Intelligence Conference (CANIC 19) in December, Lieutenant-General Michael Rouleau, Commander of Canadian Joint Operations Command (CJOC), has argued for greater investment in information operations (IO) and intelligence (INT) functions. He spoke with editor Chris Thatcher."

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

- DM/CDS joint directive - DND/CAF COVID-19 public health measures and personal protection
- Directive conjointe du SM/CEMD - Mesures de santé publique et de protection individuelle du MDN/DES face contre la COVID-19

Australian Artillery Association

- eNewsletter - May 2020
  - "So much has happened that has dramatically altered the way that we currently do things. I am, of course, referring to the Covid-19 Pandemic that is now afflicting the entire globe. I have been asked if I am coping with the restrictions and rules that govern our behaviour etc. I reply that I am completely at ease with all the drama, in fact, all the directions and rules take me back some years where rules, regulations and orders were/are a way of orderly life!"

Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company

- Enewsletter - May 2020

Raytheon Missiles & Defense

- TNO unveil new ramjet-powered artillery round

Breaking Defense

- [Army Rebuilds Artillery Arm For Large-Scale War](#)

Warrior Maven

- [New Army Artillery Round Changes Course to Hit Targets on Back Side of Mountain](#)

War on the Rocks

- [FIVE WAYS THE U.S. MILITARY WILL CHANGE AFTER THE PANDEMIC](#)
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## A PAGE FROM OUR HISTORY UNE PAGE DE NOTRE HISTOIRE

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- [75 Years of Liberation of The Netherlands – Reflections of a Canadian Soldier](#)
- [75 ans de libération des Pays-Bas - Réflexions d'un soldat canadien](#)

Juno Beach Centre

- [From Juno to Victory: Messages to the Dutch from Canadian Veterans, featuring LCol \(Ret'd\) Robert Spencer, RCA and George Chow, 16th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RCA.](#)
- [De Juno à la victoire: messages aux Pays-Bas de vétérans canadiens, par Lcol \(ret\) Robert Spencer et George Chow.](#)
- [Legacy of Honour: Battle of Normandy and Second World War veteran Roly Armitage, 3rd Medium Regiment, RCA](#) recounts a variety of memorable anecdotes from his time in France and Holland with the 3rd Medium Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery. He was wounded south of Caen in late July 1944 and made a life-long friend of Freddy Heineken, the Dutch brewer, in war-torn Holland.
- [L'honneur en héritage: Roly Armitage, vétéran de la Bataille de Normandie et de la Seconde Guerre mondiale, partage des anecdotes mémorables vécues en France et aux Pays-Bas avec l'Artillerie royale canadienne.](#)

CBC News

- [VE Day | Canadian Veterans Celebrated in The Netherlands - Watch](#)
- [Blasts from the Past, Vol 7: The Second World War Papers of Bdr James Steele, 59th \(Newfoundland\) Heavy Regiment Royal Artillery - Crest Clearance](#)
- [Project'44 - The Road to Liberation](#) is an online web map that will let you explore WW2 like never before. Digitally preserved maps, aerial imagery and war diaries have been used to map out the Allied advance from the landings at DDay to the celebrations of VE Day. - [click here to view](#)
- [A tribute to the casualties of the Canoe River Train Disaster near Valemount, British Columbia, Canada, while transporting troops from CFB Shilo, Manitoba to Fort Lewis, Washington to](#)

## board ships bound for the Korean War on November, 21, 1950. - [Watch](#)

- An interview with Robert “Bob” Stirling from a site called the Memory Project that he did in 1991 recalling the events he lived through. - [Listen](#)

Vancouver Artillery Association

- **Medal Purchase** - "We have recently come across the opportunity to purchase a couple of Medal Sets that belonged to members that had enlisted in Vancouver with the 68th Overseas Depot Battery, Canadian Field Artillery and served overseas in World War I..." - [read the full post here](#)

ICOM

- ICOM is the International Council of Museums, based in Europe. Attached is a recent article on re-opening after lockdown, a common situation for museums around the world these days. [The suggestions are advisory only, but may be helpful for members not operating under organized general safety regimes.](#)

## SUPPORT FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES SOUTIEN POUR LES VÉTÉRANS ET LEUR FAMILLE

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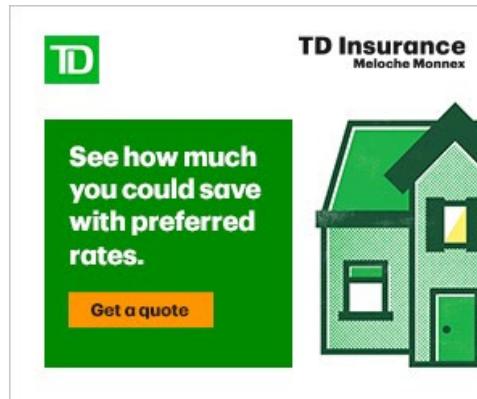
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Colonel Sonny T. Hatton



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Most respectfully,  
Colonel Sonny T. Hatton

## COVID Reading - Free books online

- [University Press of Kentucky](#) - Go to **Arts and Humanities**, then **History**; and then **Military History**
- [Spring eBooks](#) - a wide variety of topics with 408 books to choose from

## Commonwealth War Graves Commission

- [\*\*CWGC GARDENERS HONOUR NORMANDY WAR DEAD\*\*](#)

## CTV News

- [\*\*Romeo Dallaire teams up with Montreal mental-health hospital to raise funds, awareness\*\*](#)

## Wounded Warriors

- [\*\*Launch Warrior Kids Virtual Program\*\*](#)
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## RETIREMENTS RETRAITES

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- [\*\*CWO Garth Hoegi / Adjud Garth Hoegi\*\*](#)
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the Editor at: [editor.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 aimerais avoir de vos nouvelles! Dans le but d'améliorer le contenu global du bulletin maintenant mensuel « Nouvelles des artilleurs canadiens », nous aimerais 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:

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