

Media Report 23 April 2021

This weeks media reports will cover and answer great questions veterans are still asking such as Frequently asked questions regarding COVID-19 in Ottawa. Due to ongoing and evolving COVID-19 pandemic callers may experience increased wait times when calling the Government of Canada Pension Center. Callers may also experience dropped calls, as all telecommunication networks across Canada are presently facing capacity challenges. and local Media Articles and An illness or injury can have an impact on your ability to adjust to life after service. We all need healthcare services. The Treatment benefits program provides coverage for a variety of benefits and services to help you get—and stay healthy. Have you made an application for disability benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada and received a decision? If you disagree with that decision, you have the right to review or appeal i

Tracking every case of COVID-19 in Canada

[BREAKING NEWS: Active COVID-19 cases: 86,532 | Recovered: 1,045,244 | Deceased: 23,822 | Total: 1,155,837](#)

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/tracking-every-case-of-covid-19-in-canada-1.4852102>

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- Veteran
- Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) or Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) member
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IN THE NEWS

[Campaign to end sexual harassment in Canadian Armed Forces shut down](#)

[Un Huron-W](#)

[Happy 113th Birthday to the CME](#)

BGen (Ret'd) Steve Irwin, CME Colonel Commandant

The 29th of April 2021 marks the 118th birthday of the Canadian Military Engineers. As we are restricted in how we can celebrate this year, I ask all Military Engineers, serving and retired and military and civilian to pause for a moment and consider the service that the CME has provided to Canada. This has involved much personal sacrifice by so many and their service shall never be forgotten. Also, think of those currently deployed around the world; we thank them and wish them a safe return home. CHIMO!

[Canada Remembers: The Virtual Panel Series — Register now](#)

CMEA

Remembering the brave Canadians who have put their lives on the line defending peace and freedom is as important as ever. Yet how we commemorate our Veterans' service and sacrifice is changing. While monuments and ceremonies will always have their place, we have to evolve our commemorative activities to embrace more digital tools and spaces if we want to truly engage with Canadians.

[Money promised for military sex misconduct fight, NORAD upgrades](#)

CTV News

The federal Liberals are promising millions of additional dollars to help fight sexual misconduct in the Canadian Armed Forces as they seek to address anger and frustration over how the government and military have handled the issue. The funding is part of a series of targeted investments for Canada's military and those in uniform included in the federal budget, the first such spending plan from the Liberals in more than two years.

[Des millions s'ajoutent pour combattre les inconduites dans les Forces armées](#)

Les Affaires

Le gouvernement libéral fédéral promet des millions de dollars additionnels pour aider à combattre les inconduites sexuelles dans les Forces armées canadiennes alors qu'il cherche à répondre à la frustration et à la colère concernant la gestion des allégations dans les rangs de l'armée.

[How do you dismantle an underground bunker? DND studying how to decommission North Bay 'hole'](#)

CBC News

The Department of National Defence (DND) is looking into how it will dismantle an underground bunker in North Bay, ON, which was once used during the Cold War. The complex, located 180 metres below surface, was meant to accommodate up to 400 people for more than a month, in the event of a nuclear bombing. Located at 22-Wing/Canadian Forces Base North Bay, the bunker was used by the North American Aerospace Defense Command between 1963 and 2006, when it was partially decommissioned. It has sat empty since then.

[Un héros de guerre québécois enfin honoré](#)

Le Journal de Québec

Il a capturé 93 soldats ennemis à lui seul ; libéré une ville néerlandaise sous le joug des Allemands ; tenu tête à des milliers de soldats ennemis avec une poignée de soldats en Corée : les faits d'armes du héros de guerre Léo Major, surnommé le « Rambo québécois » ou encore le « Fantôme borgne », commencent à être reconnus au Québec, alors qu'ils l'étaient déjà depuis plusieurs décennies... aux Pays-Bas.

[Ottawa Veterans' House getting \\$1.5 million boost](#)

City News

The governments of Ontario and Canada are providing \$1.5 million to help house veterans who are at risk of, or are currently experiencing homelessness in Ottawa. Veterans' House is a multi-faith housing initiative located in Ottawa's Vanier South area, which offers access mental health and addiction supports as well as housing. "In Ottawa, the 2018 homelessness survey revealed that five per cent of respondents identified as former military or RCMP members," says Mayor Jim Watson.

[Canadian training mission in Ukraine suspended after surge in COVID cases](#)

CBC News

The Canadian military training mission in Ukraine has been temporarily suspended after a major outbreak of coronavirus among the troops, the Department of National Defence confirmed. A spokesperson for the military's joint operational command refused to disclose how many soldiers have tested positive. "Normal security forces capacity building activities have been temporarily reduced or suspended in training locations as a force protection measure for members of the Task Force and in order to stop the spread of the virus," said Capt. Alexia Croizer, who speaks for the Ottawa-based Canadian Joint Operations Command.

[La Base de Bagotville entame la vaccination de ses militaires](#)

Le Quotidien

La clinique médicale de la Base de Bagotville a comme objectif de vacciner 100 employés aux deux jours, alors que 45 d'entre eux ont reçu leur première dose. Contrairement au civil, l'ordre de priorité au sein des Forces armées canadiennes n'est pas déterminé en fonction de l'âge, mais bien selon les besoins opérationnels et de santé

[Dozens of WWII planes preserve history in private collection of Oxbow resident](#)

Estevan Mercury

The search for military-time planes by Estevan's Lester Hinzman resulted in many interesting discoveries. With the help of other people, he was able to find dozens of Avro Ansons that were utilized for training purposes during the Second World War. Many historic relics were spread all around the southeast corner of the province, but one big collection he came across was put together by Oxbow's Terry Fraser.

IN THE NEWS

[endat devient un haut gradé de l'armée canadienne](#)

[Experts: Advocates 'burning out' after years of urging change on military sexual misconduct](#)

[Gulf War aftermath](#)

[Un héros militaire québécois enfin honoré](#)

[ESL students find common ground unearthing story of Black Canadian WWI soldier](#)

[Canadian special forces supported major Iraqi military assault on ISIS last month](#)

[Les forces spéciales canadiennes ont appuyé une attaque irakienne contre Daech](#)

[Edmonton soldiers head to Wainwright for 'large-scale' exercises despite COVID-19](#)

[New Army tech 'sees' through battlefield blind spots](#)

[CME Branch name changed — retroactively!](#)

[The All Sappers RCE Carillon is back in service after a long silence](#)

[Key CWO Appointments announced](#)