

Media Report 26 Feb 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.

CANADA

[Active COVID-19 cases: 30,340 | Recovered: 802,926 | Deceased: 21,807 | Total: 855,126](#)

USA

[U.S. hits 500,000 COVID-19 deaths](#)

British Army to shrink by nearly 10,000 troops over the next decade

It's thought the MoD is not looking at redundancies, but instead some personnel will not be replaced when they retire or leave the army

ByDanielle Sheridan,Political and Defence Correspondent12 February 2021<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/02/12/british-army-shrink-nearly-10000-troops-next-decade/>

The British Army is set to be shrunk by nearly 10,000 troops over the next decade, under plans being considered as part of the defence integrated review which will lead to more funding for equipment and other military supplies.

Ben Wallace, the Defence Secretary, is considering reducing the number of full-time trained strength posts from 82,000 to 72,500 as part of the review, which is due to be published next month.

The Telegraph understands that the move would be to reflect how the face of warfare is "changing".

A defence source said: "We are looking at the threat. We are not preparing an Armed Forces to re-fight Helmand, we are looking at where we might fight tomorrow in the wars we haven't encountered."

The source added that there was "no point in having 82,000 people" and not having "the right drones, the right artillery, the right air cover and armoured personnel vehicles.

"If people expect the Armed Forces to look the same at the end of this they will be mistaken."

As of October 1, 2020 the Army had 80,760 personnel in full-time trained strength, which includes all members from new cadets to the long-serving personnel.

Army to have a 'more persistent presence' in Asia, Chief of the General Staff has said, ahead of government's Integrated Review

By Dominic Nicholls, Defence and Security Correspondent 29 September 2020 <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/09/29/army-prioritise-expansion-bases-asia-chief-general-staff-has/>

Describing a more dynamic and active posture for the army in future years, General Carleton-Smith suggested RAF bases and the Royal Navy's new aircraft carriers could provide "lily pads" from which the army could operate with allies.

"We think there is a market for a more persistent presence from the British Army [in the Far East].

“It’s an area that saw a much more consistent Army presence in the 1980s but with 9/11 we naturally receded from it. We think now might be the time to redress that imbalance.

“If we are going to see a UK presence in the region from [Royal Navy] Carrier Strike Groups I would like to see some of those naval assets disembarking elements of the British Army for their own training in that part of the world.”

Countering recent speculation that the review would get rid of much of Britain’s fleet of tanks and other armoured vehicles, the head of the army insisted the “capability to warfight” would balance a lighter and more agile force, and was necessary to “underpin flexible modern deterrence”.

This is an interactive map of Canada from DND that points out sites of military significance

https://caf-fac.ca/defence-150-map/?WT.mc_id=20170620DTupdate_eng

This is to an interactive map that portrays the Canadian participation in D-Day:

<https://www.project44.ca>

This is an article from an forensic anthropologist who identifies the remains of recovered but unknown remains of Canadians killed in WW 1, WW 2 and Korea. It includes a link to a site where Canadians can register contact information to help in the identification of their missing relatives.

History in motion

[Villeneuve – HIM – Siffleur Fall 2020 %28C%29.pdf \(bell.net\)](#)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/maple-leaf/defence/2021/02/registry-help-identify-canadian-war-dead-unmarked-graves.html>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black Canadian Heroes Who Have Paved The Way For Future Generations

The stories of black Canadians are often not taught in schools.

[top stories from black history Canadian veterans – Bing](#)

1. [Black Canadians in uniform — a proud tradition – Veterans ...](#)

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/.../people-and-stories/black-canadians>

For example, Raymond Lawrence joined the Navy in 1953, rising to become the first Black Petty Officer 1st class and first Black coxswain on a Canadian ship. Major Stephen Blizzard. The Air Force's Major Stephen Blizzard was a flight surgeon and also got his wings in the 1960s as a jet pilot during a long and varied career in the Canadian military—a trailblazer both in the air and in medicine.

2. [History – Black Canadians in Uniform – A Proud Tradition ...](#)

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https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2018/02/27/black-canadians_a_23372125

There are some prominent black Canadians that most of us know well. Donovan Bailey set a world record as a sprinter at the 1996 Olympics. Hockey player P.K. Subban, part of a family full of ...

Hearing Loss and Ear Impairment

- [Introduction](#)
- [Rating Tables](#)
- [Loss of Function – Hearing Loss](#)

- [Other Impairment – Otitis Media/Otitis Externa \(Otagia/Otorrhea\) and Eustachian Tube Dysfunction](#)
- [Other Impairment – Tinnitus](#)
- [Other Impairment – Vertigo/Disequilibrium](#)
- Tables
 - [Table 9.1](#) Hearing Loss and Ear Impairment
 - [Table 9.2](#) Other Impairment – Otitis Media/Otitis Externa (Otagia/Otorrhea) and Eustachian Tube Dysfunction
 - [Table 9.3](#) Other Impairment – Tinnitus
 - [Table 9.4](#) Other Impairment – Vertigo/Disequilibrium
- [Steps to Determine Hearing Loss and Ear Impairment Assessmen](#)

[Navigate tax season more easily with these tips and tricks from SISIP Financial:](#)

- [RRSPs: 5 considerations before you invest](#)
- [Make the claim: Top tax deductions for Canadian families](#)
- [5 quick tips for filing your income tax return](#)
- [Work From Home Tax Credit: Claim your home office expenses \(New for 2020\)](#)
- [Spousal RRSPs: Balance retirement income with your partner and optimize your tax return](#)
- [RRSP or TFSA: Choose the right tax-friendly investment](#)

N.B. couple who gave lift to veteran shivering on highway say it changed their life

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/couple-say-their-life-has-changed-after-offering-a-lift-to-a-veteran-alongside-transcanada-1.5920686>

IN THE NEWS

[CFB Trenton Engineers receive Deputy Minister's Commendation](#)

[Les ingénieures de la BFC Trenton ont reçu l'éloge du sous-ministre](#)

[Combat Engineer receives VCDS Commendation](#)

[Ingénieur de combat a reçu la mention élogieuse du VCDS](#)

[Military ramps up for Operation Nanook in Yellowknife](#)

[Military deploys recon teams to border as feds prepare border-testing sites](#)

[L'armée à la frontière pour aider avec le dépistage](#)

[London, ON's success housing homeless veterans touted as model for feds to follow](#)

[Canada's military lacking thousands of troops as COVID-19 hits recruitment, training](#)

[Pénurie de milliers de soldats au Canada en raison de la pandémie](#)

[York Region ballistics expert helps to set U.S. Navy world record](#)

[Canada set to benefit as NATO considers compensation for military deployments](#)

[Le Musée canadien de la guerre et le Musée canadien de la nature près d'une réouverture](#)