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LE RÉGIMENT ROYAL DE L'ARTILLERIE CANADIENNE  
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### PART I - CALENDAR & EVENTS

- 1.1 Z Battery (1 RCHA) 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – 1 May 2015
- 1.2 Y Battery (2 RCHA) 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – 1 May 2015
- 1.3 X Battery (5 RALC) 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – 1 May 2015
- 1.4 W Bty (RCAS) 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – 1 May 2015
- 1.5 61<sup>st</sup> Field Battery (20 Fd Regt) 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 1 May 2015
- 1.6 ***The Quadrant – Articles due to RHQ RCA – 1 May 2015***
- 1.7 ***John McCrae Statue Unveiling – Ottawa – 3 May 2015***
- 1.8 5<sup>e</sup> Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 6 May 2015
- 1.9 Q Battery (5 RALC) 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 6 May 2015
- 1.10 30<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 9 May 2015
- 1.11 1<sup>st</sup> Field Battery (30 Fd Regt) 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 9 May 2015
- 1.12 ***Atlantic Gunners Association Annual Reunion – Oromocto, NB, 22-24 May 2015***
- 1.13 ***Artillery Day – 26 May 2014***
- 1.14 ***The RCA Top Sergeant Award – submissions due to RHQ RCA – 26 May 2014***
- 1.15 CFB Shilo, 81<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 25 June 2015

- 1.16 **The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, Triennial Reunion & Airborne Gunner Reunion - CFB Shilo (Home Station), 25-28 June 2015**
- 1.17 **Regimental Photo Contest entries due to RHQ RCA – 30 June 2015**
- 1.18 **Unit Command Team list (CO/RSM, 2 IC, BC/BSM, Adjt & Honoraries) due to RHQ RCA NLT 30 June 2015**
- 1.19 10 Fd Regt, 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 3 July 2015
- 1.20 128 Bty (4 Regt (GS)), 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 10 July 2015
- 1.21 51 Fd Bty (1 Fd Regt), 146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 16 July 2015
- 1.22 29 Fd Bty (11 Fd Regt), 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 20 July 2015
- 1.23 119 Bty (4 Regt (GS)), 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 29 July 2015
- 1.24 6 RAC, 116<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 1 August 2015
- 1.25 2 RCHA, 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 7 August 2015
- 1.26 D, E & F Bty's (2 RCHA), 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 7 August 2015
- 1.27 **The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, 132<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – 10 August 2015**
- 1.28 87 Fd Bty (1 Fd Regt), 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 15 August 2015
- 1.29 57 Fd Bty (6 RAC), 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 31 August 2015
- 1.30 1 Fd Regt, 146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 10 September 2015
- 1.31 R Bty (5 RALC), 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary – 20 September 2015
- 1.32 **The RCA Training Event & The Royal Canadian Artillery Association Annual General Meeting (RCAA AGM) – Ottawa, ON, 24-26 September 2015**
- 1.33 7 Fd Bty (2 Fd Regt), 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 27 September 2015
- 1.34 2 Fd Bty (30 Fd Regt), 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 27 September 2015
- 1.35 56 Fd Regt, 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 28 September 2015
- 1.36 **The George Blackburn Memorial Bursary Programme – Applications due to the Bursary Committee NLT 30 September 2015**
- 1.37 **The Captain General's Diamond Jubilee Bursary Programme – Applications due**

**to RHQ RCA NLT 30 September 2015**

- 1.38 **Junior Officer's Course - CFB Shilo (Home Station), 30 September – 3 October 2015**
- 1.39 **RCA Regimental Fund Executive Board Meeting - CFB Shilo (Home Station), 1 October 2015**
- 1.40 **RCA Senate Meeting – CFB Shilo (Home Station), 2 October 2015**
- 1.41 **Junior Officer's Course - Special Guest Night - CFB Shilo (Home Station), 3 October 2015**
- 1.42 A & B Bty's (1 RCHA), 144<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 20 October 2015
- 1.43 49 Fd Regt, 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – 15 November 2015
- 1.44 Canoe River Memorial, 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 21 November 2015
- 1.45 2 Fd Regt, 159<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 27 November 2015
- 1.46 4 Regt (GS), 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 27 November 2015
- 1.47 50 Fd Bty (2 Fd Regt), 159<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 27 November 2015
- 1.48 ***The Quadrant* – Articles due to RHQ RCA – 30 November 2015**
- 1.49 1 RCHA, 117<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 1 December 2015
- 1.50 **Saint Barbara's Day – 4 December 2015** (The RCA Sergeant of the Year Announcement)
- 1.51 11 Fd Bty (11 Fd Regt), 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 6 December 2015
- 1.52 10 Fd Bty (56 Fd Regt), 154<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 6 December 2015
- 1.53 66 Fd Bty (2 Fd Regt), 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – 15 December 2015

**PART II - HONOURS & AWARDS**

- 2.1 The following were awarded the Canadian Armed Forces Decoration (C.D.) 2<sup>nd</sup> clasp:
- MWO M.A. Hartery - RCAS
- 2.2 The following were awarded the Canadian Armed Forces Decoration (C.D.) 1<sup>st</sup> clasp:
- Capt M.K.J. Koshman – 30 Fd Regt

- WO P.R. Turner - RCAS
- Sgt R.A. Inniss – 30 Fd Regt

2.3 The following were awarded the Canadian Armed Forces Decoration (C.D.):

- WO S.F. Malley - RCAS

### **PART III – APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS**

3.1 Brigadier-General K.R. Cotten will be appointed Commandant of the Canadian Forces College

3.2 Colonel J.M.D. Bouchard will be appointed Director Ethics Programme

3.3 Colonel R.K. Chamberlain will be appointed Chief of Staff Defence Renewal Team

3.4 Colonel G.F. Dame was appointed Director Senior Appointments

3.5 Colonel J.S.S.D. Fortin will be promoted to the Rank of Brigadier-General and be appointed Deputy Commanding General (US) I Corps

3.6 Colonel L.P. McGarry will be appointed Director Current Operations Strategic Joint Staff

3.7 Lieutenant-Colonel J.S. Dubois will be promoted Colonel (Acting While So Employed) and appointed Canadian Defence Attaché

3.8 Lieutenant-Colonel J.R.S. McNicoll will be promoted Colonel and appointed Commander Task Force Democratic Republic Of Congo

3.9 Lieutenant-Colonel D.A. Russel will be promoted Colonel and appointed Director Canadian Army Warfare Centre

3.10 Lieutenant-Colonel M.J. Sullivan will be promoted Colonel and appointed Chief of Staff 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Division Headquarters

3.11 The following were promoted to Colonel:

- Col M.J.C. Sullivan – 5 Cdn Div

3.12 The following were promoted to Second-Lieutenant:

- 2Lt B.J.S. Hibbert – RCAS

- 2 Lt J.H.W. Selbie - RCAS
- 3.13 The following were promoted to Master Warrant Officer:
- MWO J.A. **Simourd** (surname error RO # 1) – 4 CDSB Petawawa
- 3.14 The following were promoted to Warrant Officer:
- WO J.P. Szilbereisz – RCAS
- 3.15 The following were promoted to Sergeant:
- Sgt M.J.W. Thorp – 30 Fd Regt
- 3.16 The following were promoted to Master Bombardier / Master Corporal:
- MBdr K.P. Branch – RCAS
  - MBdr S.N. Kean – RCAS
  - MBdr G.A. Lemay - RCAS

#### **PART IV – THE RCA**

- 4.1 **Artillery Gun Salutes** – RCA Standing Orders Volume I, Chapter 5, Article 504, Paragraph 3. – Kneeling gun drill shall be employed.
- 4.3 **Heritage Fund.**

### In Memoriam donations / Dons commémoratifs



To make a donation to The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery Heritage Fund in memory of someone special or some special group / Pour faire un don au Fonds du patrimoine de l'Artillerie royale canadienne en mémoire d'une personne ou d'un groupe particulier



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- 4.4 **The Royal Canadian Artillery Heritage Campaign.** The RCA Heritage Program supports a variety of projects from bursaries for our kids, to the writing of our history,

to the erection of a statue to honour one of our own who is truly a great Canadian, and more besides. Please see where and how you can help.

4.5 **The RCA Regimental Fund – Donor Reward Program.** The Donor Rewards Program was created to provide donors with a tangible reward in return for their monthly donation to the Regimental Fund by receiving a “credit”. Donors to the Fund will receive a credit at the kitshop equal to 10% of their annual donation. This can be used as a credit towards any kitshop purchase. The Donor Rewards will accrue if not used. Donor rewards have no cash value and unused rewards will be returned to the Fund one year after a member ceases donating to the Fund. This program became effective as of 1 Jan 02. The Donor Rewards Program is administered by the RHQ RCA under the supervision of the A/Adj. To find out the amount of their credit, the donor can contact RHQ RCA.

4.6 **The Gunners of Canada: The History of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery Volume III, 1967 – 2012.** The Royal Canadian Artillery Association has undertaken, on behalf of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, to publish Volume III of *The Gunners of Canada* as the Regiment’s authorized history from 1967 to 2012. English and French editions will be published in 2017. The first two volumes of *The Gunners of Canada, The History of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery* were written by Colonel G.W.L. Nicholson and cover the period from 1534 to 1967. Although a few books on some RCA units have been written for the years after 1967, there is no comprehensive history for the post-1967 era.

Volume III will describe the history of all field, locating, target acquisition, airborne and air defence artillery units in the Regular and Reserve Force including those disbanded since 1967. Its wide scope includes The RCA’s contribution to domestic, NATO and UN operations, training and the impact of Unification, the Cold War, the Balkans and Afghanistan. Artillery equipment, technology, Gunner identity, Regimental life and personalities are all integral parts of the scope.

The RCAA-authorized Management Committee has contracted William Rawling, PhD as the author. Dr. Rawling is a highly regarded Canadian military historian with 20 years of experience in the Directorate of History and Heritage. He has written eight books and many articles in both English and French and has co-authored the official histories of the RCN and RCAF.

If you served as a Gunner, or if you have a friend or relative who did and you would like to contribute information or anecdotes about what they saw or did during their RCA service, the Committee and Dr. Rawling would like to hear from you. Contact the Committee through Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Doc Hopper at [dennis.hopper@sympatico.ca](mailto:dennis.hopper@sympatico.ca), or Dr. Rawling at [gunners.of.canada@gmail.com](mailto:gunners.of.canada@gmail.com). Use either address to submit contact information or a brief summary of the information you have to offer. Dr. Rawling will follow up on all submissions.

We are now engaged in fund-raising, with a Campaign Goal of \$350,000. All Canadians can help us preserve these exciting and valuable elements of our shared history and culture.

*To donate or for further information visit our web site at [www.canadianartillery.ca](http://www.canadianartillery.ca)  
Mention **Volume III** in the comments section of the donation.*

**Or contact:** The Regimental Major RCA at [Info@canadianartillery.ca](mailto:Info@canadianartillery.ca) or at 204 765-3000 ext. 3595 .

- 4.7 **The RCA Sergeant of the Year Award.** The Brigadier-General E.B. Beno Award for Leadership in the Rank of Sergeant is presented annually to one Regular Force and one Reserve Force Sergeant, who demonstrates outstanding leadership that has a positive effect on The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. Submissions due to RHQ RCA NLT 26 May each year. The recipients of the Award will be announced on 4 December of each year. Information on this award can be found at [www.canadianartillery.ca](http://www.canadianartillery.ca)
- 4.8 **The George Blackburn Memorial Bursary Programme.** Funds are allocated annually to finance bursary awards to advance academic achievement. The value of each bursary will be \$1,000. Application forms for the bursaries must be returned to the Chairman of The George Blackburn Memorial Bursary Committee by 30 September each year. Applications can be found at [www.canadianartillery.ca](http://www.canadianartillery.ca) under Standing Orders Volume III.
- 4.9 **Captain General's Diamond Jubilee Bursary Programme.** Holding that quality education is a worthwhile goal for its own sake and is essential to the future of our nation, the purpose of the Captain General's Diamond Jubilee Bursary Programme (CGDJBP) is to promote, encourage and sponsor educational programs and activities while lowering financial and social barriers to post-secondary education and encouraging student achievement. The value of each bursary will be \$1,000. Applications must be returned to RHQ RCA by 30 September each year. Applications can be found at [www.canadianartillery.ca](http://www.canadianartillery.ca) under Standing Orders Volume III.
- 4.10 **Regimental Photo Contest.** The contest is held four times per year with the winner receiving \$100 and photo publication and announcement on the website. Entry deadlines will be end March, June, September and December. Details can be found at [www.canadianartillery.ca](http://www.canadianartillery.ca) under Standing Orders Volume III.

## **PART V – RETIREMENTS**

- 5.1 **BOUDREAU, J.R.N.**, Bombardier – 3 April 2015
- 5.2 **BISSONNETTE, R.D.**, Major – 9 April 2015
- 5.3 **EWING, R.K.**, Warrant Officer – 1 May 2015
- 5.4 **BLACK, M.E.**, Master Bombardier – 8 May 2015
- 5.5 **CANTIN, J.A.C.**, Major – 14 July 2015



5.6 **HARDWICK, G.J.**, Lieutenant-Colonel – 18 August 2015

**PART VI- LAST POST**

6.1 **TAYLOR, Norman W.** – 13 January 2015

6.2 **ERWIN, Peter Michael**, Maj (Ret'd) – 14 January 2015

6.3 **WHYNOT, Stanley R.**, WO (Ret'd) – 28 January 2015

6.4 **SADLER, Murray** – 1 February 2015

6.5 **WADE, Ivan Alonzo**, Sgt (Ret'd) – 7 February 2015

6.6 **KILMARTIN, David**, Maj (Ret'd) – 7 February 2015

6.7 **SMITH, Alexander Gordon** (son of Harky Smith) – 8 February 2015

6.8 **HUCK, Adam Joseph** – 8 February 2015

6.9 **BAKER, Ross Edgar** – 9 February 2015

6.10 **RHODES-HOMAN, Rhonda** – 14 February 2015

6.11 **CLARK, Gerald** – 18 February 2015

6.12 **HOLT, Ronald**, Capt (Ret'd) – 18 February 2015

6.13 **SIMONS, Edward Alexander** – 20 February 2015

6.14 **HAMILTON, Barry Andrew**, LCol (Ret'd) – 24 February 2015

6.15 **BUTTS, H.T. (Jim)** – 27 February 2015

6.16 **WILSON, Nanci** (daughter of Ted & Mary June Roberts) – 28 February 2015

6.17 **ROSS, Thomas Peter**, Maj (Ret'd) – 4 March 2015

6.18 **BUSKELL, Jim**, MWO (Ret'd) – 10 March 2014

6.19 **WAGAR, Dwayne** (father of CWO Chad Wagar) – 11 March 2015

6.20 **DUBUC, Roger**, MWO (Ret'd) – 12 March 2015

6.21 **MCINTOSH, Robert Gavin Shier**, Capt (Ret'd) – 14 March 2015

6.22 **BROUSSEAU, Peter** – 15 March 2015

6.23 **BÉGIN, Paul**, MWO (Ret'd) – 19 March 2015

6.24 **GOGO, John Albert**, Sgt (Ret'd) – 4 April 2015

- It is imperative that RHQ RCA be promptly informed of the death of a serving or former member of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

10 April /avril 2015

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M.J. Draho', enclosed within a light blue oval border.

M.J. Draho  
Regimental Major / Major Régimentaire