

## TRUMPETER DECEMBER 2010



### THE ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS ASSOCIATION

*In Flanders fields the  
poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row  
on row,  
That mark our place; and  
in the sky  
The larks, still bravely  
singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the  
guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short  
days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw  
sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and  
now we lie  
In Flanders Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with  
the foe:  
To you from failing hands we  
throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it  
high.  
If ye break faith with us who  
die  
We shall not sleep, though  
poppies grow  
In Flanders Fields.*



It is the **Veteran**, not the preacher,  
Who has given us freedom of religion.  
It is the **Veteran**, not the reporter,  
Who has given us freedom of the press.  
It is the **Veteran**, not the poet,  
Who has given us freedom of speech.  
It is the **Veteran**, not the campus organizer,  
Who has given us freedom to assemble.  
It is the **Veteran**, not the lawyer,  
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.  
It is the **Veteran**, not the politician,  
Who has given us the right to vote.

**GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM**

## **Remembrance Day Celebration**

On November 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 The RCH Institute sponsored a luncheon for the members of the Association. This was due to the dwindling numbers of veterans who are unable to attend the Remembrance Day Celebration held at the Regiment. The executive committee was left with little choice but to cancel our annual celebration.

However the new president of the Institute Bernie Ciarroni has began which we hope will become an annual event, which was attend by 30 members of the Association, Institute and regimental members including, Alan Canavan, Stan Highway and Ed Wellington. The lunch was success but we can only hope that the numbers of association numbers will increase next year. The Association thanks the Institute for it's continues support.

## **A word from our President**



Greetings to all members and friends of the Regimental Association;  
Another year has gone by, how quickly it seems that as we get older the quicker the years go by. There never seems to be enough time to complete all we plan to do. So much has happened during 2010 especially in attending funerals. Since our last issue we lost six of our comrades of which I and other members of the Association attended their funerals, Leo Cote, Ken Hawkhurst, Walter Pilley and Colin Martin. It was just this year that on one of the Trumpeters issue I thanked Ken for his good work as our Treasurer for so many years, and thanked Colin for his work on the Executive. I'm quite happy that Alan, Stan and I had the opportunity to visit with Colin last June at Saint-Anne's as well as with George Yorgan, how sad to lose old comrades so quickly. Our deep sympathies go out to all family members all of them will be greatly missed.

I'm quite concerned on our Outstanding Membership for 2010, a total of 75 out of 186. A large percentage. I encourage all members to renew their membership to keep the Association going.

Our monthly breakfast is still going strong, and again I encourage you to attend to meet old and new friends. Last breakfast we had 26 shows. It's quite remarkable to listen to some of our soldiers talking about their experience in Afghanistan. Our next breakfast will be on Thursday, December 30 at 10AM instead the last Saturday because that Saturday is Christmas Day, let's turn up in large numbers.

New Years Levee is our next regimental event, Saturday, January 1, 2011 at the Armoury. It starts with a breakfast at 10am. A buffet will be served at lunch; all are welcome and encouraged to attend there is no cost. It's a great old tradition and if we don't support it, it could get lost.

Thank you Steven Barrette for doing such a fine job in putting everything together, your patients with the publishing of The Trumpeter is admirable. It's the only newsletter that we have to keep our Veterans and members current on Association and Regimental matters, thanks Steve.

Finally, may I offer you my best wishes for the Christmas season. I hope it is merry with gifts and surprises aplenty. May the warmth that could only be generated at home amongst family and friends at this time of the year bring moments of tenderness, peace and merriment. May 2011 bring health, happiness and prosperity to each and every one of you.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Honourary Colonel Roger W. Turnell, CD. HCol RW Turnell was confirmed by the MND during the summer. He is not new to the Regiment, in fact he commanded the regiment around 1977-78. It was during my first tour as RSSO/MWO with the regiment from 1976-1978. Welcome to the regiment and association Colonel and hope to see you at one of our breakfast or the annual reunion in June

**A Message from our Commanding Officer**



On behalf of all ranks of The Royal Canadian Hussars (Montreal), I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the Association and their families the very happiest and safest of Holiday Seasons.

This year I would also ask that you take a moment, as you gather friends and love ones near, to think about the six serving Hussars currently in harm's way in Afghanistan and their families who will have an empty seat at the table this year. They perpetuate the long and proud tradition of overseas service by members of the RCH and represent the very best of the Regiment.

Sincerely,  
Steve Dubreuil

**A message from our Regimental Sergeant Major**



En cette période de réjouissances, prenons le temps de nous occuper des nos aînés et des plus démunis qui nous entourent. Faisons preuve de partage et de compassion pour eux, et célébrons responsablement.

À tous et à toutes, de joyeuses Fêtes!

Sincèrement  
Philip Chevalier

**A message from our Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Larry Smith**



The Holiday Season has many different meanings for people of all ages. It is a period of joy rest and reflection for most of us and a time for family and friends.

Let us all take time to reflect on what we do have and how wonderful a country Canada is as you are the custodians and guardians of the Peace and Freedom we share today.

Thank you, and on behalf of The Royal Canadian Hussars, I wish you health and happiness in 2011.

Sincerely,  
Larry Smith

## **The Editor**

As the holiday season descends upon us I would like to take this time to thank all our members for their support over the last year. I have tried to make the TRUMPETER as complete as possible, and with your continuing support of stories and anecdotes the trumpeter will continue to be a great source of Regimental and Association news;

If you would like to send me information please send to my e-mail address (Steve.Barrette@sympatico.ca) or at:

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## **Ste-Anne's Visit**

During the summer Stan Highway, Karl Kramell and Alan Canavan had the chance to visit some of the boys at St-Anne's who are always quite happy to receive visitors especially members of the Association and Regiment. Alan has told me that their spirits are high and they are very well taken care of. As you can see from the picture, George Yorgan is still quite occupied with his camera; it goes where ever George goes.



Stan Highway, Karl Kramell,  
George Yorgan and Alan Canavan

## **Association Updates**

The Annual Cecil Hamilton Memorial Corn Roast was held last August at the Royal Canadian Legion in Hemmingford. Saturday proved to be a good day to hold this event vs Thursday as in previous years. As in previous years BBQ'd chicken along with salads plus great corn made up the main part of the lunch. Dessert was apple pie and it was very tasty indeed. It was nice to see that everyone behaved themselves - that included our President Karl Kramell who watched over all of us in a friendly manner. The attendance was 44 members and they all had a good time. It was mentioned that they missed Mr. Brown's corn he has retired since last year and was not able to donate the corn anymore.

Karl ended up going to Napierville this year to buy the corn. It was still very good. We were also given a bag to take home which included four or five ears of corn.

The Association would like to thank Karl and his team and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hemmingford Legion for all that they did to make this a very pleasant occasion. Alan Canavan.

## **Friday Luncheon**

For those of you who may not be aware, the Regimental Institute holds a Luncheon on the first Friday of each month from April till November. No lunches from December till March because of the winter months and unfavourable weather conditions. The mood is usually casual with approximately 30 people. The cost is 15\$ per person and the food is great, feel free to join us at the next Friday Luncheon on April 1, 2011.

## **Important Dates**

Here are some important dates for the next few months;

Association Breakfast held on the last Saturday of the month since last September will be held on the last Thursday (December 30) this month because the last Saturday being Christmas Day.

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011; the annual Levee Day will began at 10 am in the Officers mess with a breakfast followed by a lunch buffet around noon. If 1000hrs is to early then come anytime you wish. It's a great old tradition and if we don't support it, it could get lost. Please join the members of the regiment to celebrate the New Year.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Paid-up and Life Time Members	89
Widows	24
Outstanding	75
Total:	186

### **SICK PARADE**

Cyril Martin, Alex Muir, George Yorgan,  
St. Anne's Hospital, Montreal, Quebec

Joseph Oswald Melanson  
George Dumont Hospital, Moncton, N.B.

Peter B. Waud  
Brampton, Ontario

### **LAST POST**

LEO COTE  
KEN HAWKHURST  
JOHN TRESSIDER  
DOUGLAS HOLMES  
WALTER D PILLEY

## **Regimental Updates**

As the training year continues spirits are high as the regiment has completed three successful training Exercises. Six members of the unit have trained and are now working in Afghanistan, we wish them success and safety and want them to return healthy in 2011.

January should prove to be a great month for training, the regiment will began its annual winter Warfare training, in preparation to our week long training in Northern Quebec at the end of February, and the regiment will run a Skidoo course during January in order to be ready for the conditions in February.

## **A BIT OF CHEER**

### **Military etiquette**

Officer: Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?

Trooper: Sure, buddy.

Officer: That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again. Do you have change for a dollar?

Trooper: No, SIR!

Address; please find below a list of addresses for the executive committee members. We are also providing e-mail addresses for those of you on the internet. Ensure we have your email address; it is possible that some future date our trumpeter will be send out electronically.

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