



ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday May 5th 2012

The meeting will be held in the Officer's & NCO's Mess
@ 13h30 we encourage members to attend.

Elections
Museum
Membership

ANNUAL REUNION
Saturday June 2nd 2012

The reunion will be held in the combined
Officer's & NCO's Mess
@ 11h00AM for noon
The Museum will be open.
Come and meet old and new friends.



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I hope this issue of the Trumpeter finds you all in good health and survived the long winter months although much milder than normal. Having just returned from Florida it is a pleasure to be back home with such warm temperatures as this weekend. However, the local farmers here in Hemmingford keep telling me spring could go out with a big roar, snow? Not possible! Grass is getting greener, tulips are starting to come up, sidewalks are being cleaned and the smell of spring air is there. Had my first game of golf in Canada last Friday, should have stayed at home.

Our Association Executive had their second meeting of the year on April 10th at the Armoury. It was a very productive meeting with many different ideas coming up for the future and welfare of the Association. Some of these recommendations require consent by the membership at our next AGM which will take place on Saturday, May 5 at 1330 hrs at the Armoury. Elections for the executive will also take place. Michel Vezina has volunteered to be the nominating chairman to find volunteers to fill all positions. So don't be shy and volunteer your time to this important cause to keep the association going with new ideas and preparing for the future. Nomination list is in this issue. I encourage our members to attend to take part in our debates. On this date, the Regiment will have a Regimental parade at 1100 hrs for the closing of the training season. The Commanding Officer asked me to convey an invitation and encourage our membership to attend the parade in blazer with medals and berets. Medals and promotion will be given out to our soldiers. Sandwiches will be provided after the parade, everyone will have the opportunity to associate with the soldiers and pass on war stories. Our AGM will then take place at 1330 hrs.

There is always sad news in each issue of the Trumpeter and this issue is no exception as Ed Wellington passed away on the 25th January in Montreal at the age of 90 and Norman Yeager on March 25th in Toronto at the age of 90. Both will be missed very much by all. Ed and Norman both supported the Association and attended most reunions. We send our deepest sympathy to all their families. Obituaries are on the website.

The Membership focus was centered on updating our current records and cleaning up the database to ensure we miss none of our members with mail-outs, emails and most importantly the trumpeter. Our new Chairlady of Membership, Isabelle Châtillon, with the support of many others, has made great strides in this effort. However it is still vitally important that all members pay their annual dues and advise us when there are any changes in address, or other circumstances. The Trumpeter will be mailed to everyone on the Association mailing list to your current address; those who have e-mail addresses will receive it electronically.

Denis Gilbert has the regimental website up and running, with a section for the association. It's well done, professionally and informative. If you have any comments please let us know. Any old pictures of Regimental or Association activities are welcome.

The sad news for our museum is that Don Green retired from being the curator from the museum. Don will be sadly missed. He worked on the museum for the past 16 years, and brought it up to a very professional level of regimental history. Sorry to see you go Don but I hope you continue your support of the association and regiment.

Steven Barrette has the task again of producing this issue of our Trumpeter and to have it mailed before our next AGM. Not always easy especially when he has to wait for my message and others. It's always at the last minute. Keep up the good work Steven.

Our Secretary, Michel Abourousse is thinking of retiring also but I'm trying to encourage him to stay and I'm sure he will, hopefully.

Our monthly breakfast is every last Thursday of the month and is still held at the PJ's Pub at 6910 Saint Jacques west, in NDG. We hope that the spring weather will bring out more of our members and friends of the association.

Sadly, our monthly Institute lunch every first Friday has been cancelled until further notice. This is due to lack of attendance. Our quota is 24 member minimum but quite often we did not meet this and consequently had to pay the difference, more to follow on this subject.

Our association reunion and buffet lunch is on Saturday June 2nd at Noon at the Armoury, the museum will be open. I encourage many to attend to keep this tradition going. It will be a different format from previous years but just as sociable, camaraderie and good food.

For future planning, don't forget the late Cecil Hamilton corn roast at the Hemmingford Legion on August 25th at noon. We are incorporating the corn roast and a regimental picnic for both the association members and regimental members and families. This should be a great event.

The current Executive is requesting feedback and support from their membership at large. It is evident that we need to review our planned activities of the Association and make the necessary amendments and or changes based on the needs of the current members. As the numbers of our war vets decrease, we need to focus on the members from the time period 1957 onward. This is not to say we will pass over the wishes of those veterans but will attempt to meet a common ground which makes the operation of the Association and its activities more conducive to the majority of the members without forgetting the role our war veterans have played in this Association.

I am quite sure there are many viable and exciting ideas are out there, that our membership can provide and suggest to us. I would encourage you to think outside the box from our traditional format, but ask you to keep in mind some of the following constraints i.e. financially sustainable, the limitations of an entirely voluntary board to do the work of arranging and conducting the event/ fundraiser/recruiting, and the mandatory requirement to meet the mandate of the Association.

However, please be assured we will consider all suggestions and if necessary phase in the activities, events etc. over a period of two or three years. The end goal is to provide events and activities which would encourage all members to participate or support. Some earlier suggestions have included more BBQ's, golf tournaments, bowling and 50/50 raffles to better support the financial picture. Suggestions for guest speakers at our AGM and Reunion would also be appreciated. Any suggestion would be appreciated.

In closing, I want to thank all of the Executive Committee, the Commanding Officer, Regimental Sergeant Major, and all members of the regiment and Association for their help in getting us up to speed and on track. Without this team work, it would not have been possible to get where we are today.

But I must remind you that we need the support of all Hussars in making this a successful year and a big step towards maintaining our Association.

Regards,
Karl

LCOL STEVE DUBREUIL



Greetings from the Command Team, since I last wrote you, the Regiment has remained busy sending more than 30 soldiers to an exercise in North Carolina, running a skidoo course as well as exercising in the Eastern Ontario area during exercise GALLOPING HUSSAR.

The Regiment has had its best recruiting year in over six years and we are growing in both numbers and quality. In fact we are sending record numbers of students on career courses this summer as well promoting the most junior leaders in several years. The future is bright indeed for Montreal's Cavalry.

As we slow down for the summer, the Regiment is also standing up a committee to ensure that the Cavalry Ball, to be held on September 15th 2012, is an amazing event which will commemorate 200 years of service to the City of Montreal. We urge you to participate in Regimental life as well as encourage others to do so. Our association plays a vital role in the life of the Regiment and we need to ensure that it remains strong.

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer. NON NOBIS SED PATRIAE

ADJUC PHILIPPE CHEVALIER Exercice *Diapason*, 10 mars 2012



Le samedi 10 mars dernier, le lieutenant-colonel Dubreuil et moi-même avons eu l'honneur d'accueillir l'adjutant-chef de commandement Giovanni Moretti, adjudant-chef de l'armée de terre, pour une journée de perfectionnement professionnel. Durant cette journée, l'adjutant-chef Moretti nous a fait un bilan de l'armée de terre et nous a aidés à comprendre où se situait le RCH, unité de réserve, dans toute cette grande organisation que sont les Forces canadiennes. Les officiers, les adjudants, les sergents et même les caporaux-chefs du régiment étaient conviés à cette journée exceptionnelle.

L'adjutant-chef Moretti a aussi agi en tant que président d'honneur du dîner officiel des adjudants et sergents. Quarante-deux invités de marque ont pris place dans la Salle de cavalerie du manège, sous les bons auspices de Chuck O'Donnell, sergent-major de l'escadron B, et de Sam Pépin, commis-chef, qui étaient respectivement président et vice-président du dîner. Pour bien seconder le président d'honneur à la table, il y avait aussi l'adjutant-chef du Secteur Québec de la Force terrestre (SQFT), l'adjutant-chef Philippe Turbide, ancien RCH; ce dernier a bien aimé revoir un de ses instructeurs quand il était une recrue en 1979, le sympathique Donald Pelletier.



Nous avons profité de l'occasion pour saluer quelques anciens sergents-majors régimentaires. Ont donc posé en ma compagnie pour la postérité Bernie Ciarroni, Clarence Layne, Don Savage, Philippe Chevalier, Mario Chevalier, et Denis Lessard.



Le lieutenant-colonel Dubreuil a salué le travail de Denis Lessard qui a servi comme sergent-major régimentaire du RCH de 2008 à 2010 : *farewell*, Denis! Nous avons également pris le temps de souligner les départs de Fred Choquette (retraite) et d'Éric Benoit (affectation).



Plus tard, l'adjutant-chef Moretti a remis à PJ Pilon le trophée du meilleur sergent pour l'année d'entraînement 2010-2011. Par la suite, il a présenté à Eddie Sanchez le trophée du meilleur sous-officier supérieur pour la même période de temps : encore une fois, bravo messieurs!

Don Barecki et Mark Biernat avaient invité le fils de feu George Routley, notre regretté colonel honoraire, Monsieur Gordon Routley qui est ingénieur en protection incendie et conseiller en ce domaine à la Ville de Montréal. Durant la soirée, Gordon s'est plu à raconter aux autres convives de précieuses anecdotes du temps où son père était actif au régiment : alors que papa Routley discutait avec d'autres officiers au mess, fiston leur apportait de la bière...



Fait rarissime, les quatre sergents-majors régimentaires des unités de réserve de l'arme blindée du Québec étaient présents, soient les adjudants-chefs Landry (Sher H), Léger-Fréchette (12^e RBC (M)), Picotin (R de Hull) et moi-même.

Bref, ce 10 mars 2012 restera dans les annales du régiment comme étant une journée de perfectionnement professionnel des plus à-propos, mais aussi comme étant une soirée d'heureuses retrouvailles où les rires fusaient de toutes parts.

Ceux qui le désirent peuvent commander le DVD de la soirée au coût de 20\$. Tous les profits iront dans les fonds de l'unité : contactez Steve Barrette.

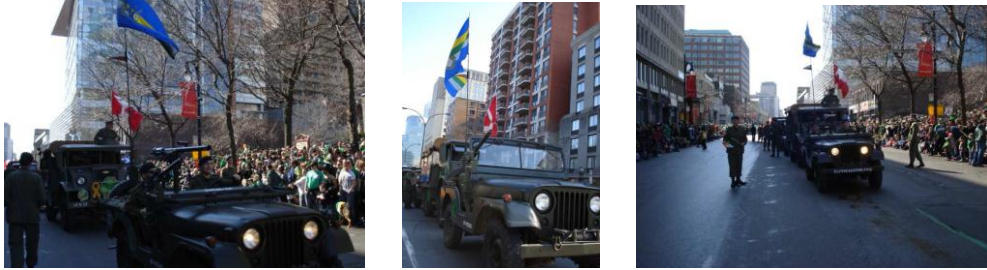
TRUMPETER STEVEN BARRETTE

The Trumpeter is the voice of old and new comrades, I would like to have your stories pictures etc. I challenge all members to take a few minutes, it doesn't have to be long I'm sure only a few words with a picture will put a smile on someone's face.

Many Trumpeters are being returned due to wrong addresses or postal codes. Similarly e-mails are not delivered due to changes in personal e-mail accounts. Please ensure to advise our Secretary, Michel Abourousse of any changes to your mailing or e-mail address.

CAPT RICHARD AYOUB

I participated in the St-Patrick parade on Sunday March 18th; I was the lead vehicle with the RCH flag, followed by the two 25 pounder Artillery guns and following them was Alan Dornan's MCpl (Retd) US Pick-up with the RCH flag. It really looked good we had a lot of applause by the public. We won the best military vehicles in the parade.



VIMY RIDGE CEREMONY

On April 9th 2012, the regiment took part in the 95th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge in France.

Selected to representing the regiment was Corporal Butrym-Marcotte from the orderly room, upon arrival in France he was given the task to be part of the honour guard at this event. The guard consisted of members of the Canadian forces whose units fought in the 1917 battle for Vimy Ridge.

On the 3rd of April, they departed from Montreal for CFB Trenton where they perfected their parade skills for a few days, and then carried on to France on April 6th.

Ever since their arrival in France they ensured that their attitude, work ethics and discipline reflected the training they received in their home units, this was a representation of Canadian Forces as a whole.



On the 8th of April, rehearsal began in Vimy in preparation for the main event. Later that afternoon, they headed by bus to Belgium, on the way to their first parade at the St-Julien Memorial, they also made a stop at hill 62 and Passchendaele, where local historian explained the battles that took place at these sites. Later that evening, they headed to Leper to assist in the last post ceremony at the Menin Gates.

After a long day they returned to the hotel, everyone worked hard to prepare their uniform for the next day to ensure their impeccable look for this event.

Menin Gates Parade



April 9th, 2012 the big day has finally arrived at the Vimy ceremony. It was cold and constantly raining, thus giving a realistic environment and the feeling of what the Canadian soldiers went through as they fought these battles.

Honour Guard at Vimy Ridge Cpl Butrym-Marcotte second right

Corporal Butrym-Marcotte said "this is the best experience I ever had, I feel so privileged to be chosen to represent The Royal Canadian Hussars" The ceremony took place and was very well orchestrated; everyone stood strong and showed pride. It was a great opportunity to share the battleground with the French army participants that were there with us.

Submitted By, Captain Richard Ayoub

MEMBERSHIP & LOST TRAILS ISABELLE CHATILLON

Just a short reminder for those that have not renewed their 2012 membership, we have added a membership form in this trumpeter, please complete the form and return it.

Membership fees are now \$15.00 per year. You also have the opportunity to obtain your Life membership at a cost of \$100.00 after having been a member for five years; we encourage members to take advantage of this good opportunity. If you have any information or changes to your address please use the memberships form;

LOST TRAILS

Unfortunately, we have lost contact with some members, if you know of or if you have contact with any of the members listed below, please have them contact us via mail or e-mail;

Stanley N. Carroll
Stewart McKeown

Gordon E. Docking
Arthur L. Talbot

John F. Lewis
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John F. McGowan

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WEBSITE DENIS GILBERT

Bonjour, vous avez peut-être eu dernièrement l'occasion de visiter votre site web et de consulter les nouvelles pages de l'Association du RCH. Si ce n'est pas le cas, je vous y invite.

Vous y retrouverez une liste d'événements à venir, de nouveaux albums photos et, récemment ajoutée, une page nommée "In Memoriam" pour rendre hommage à nos compagnons disparus.

Ceux qui désirent connaître un peu plus nos anciens adjudants-chefs peuvent admirer leurs photos sous l'onglet Histoire.

Bonne visite et n'hésitez pas à faire part au comité de vos suggestions.

Good day, you might have had the occasion to visit the regimental Web Site to consult the new association page. If this is not the case, then I invite you to do so. You will discover a list of association events, new photo album's and recently added, "In Memoriam" page to honour our lost friends.

For members interested to know a little more about our former leaders, pictures of past RSM's have been added.

Enjoy you visit and do not hesitated to send your suggestions to the committee.

ROYAL CANADIAN ARMoured CORPS ASSOCIATION - STUDENT BURSARY PROGRAM

This scholarship offers annual subsidies totalling \$5,000 toward costs incurred through enrolment in bona-fide educational programs at the post-secondary level. Recognized programs include those offered by a university, community college or technical school in Canada but do not include the curricula offered by commercial institutions.

Regimental members are encouraged to apply for the RCAC Annual Educational Bursary, for further information visit the RCAC web site: www.rcaca.org click on Tangible Benefits for more details information is available in English & French.

IMPORTANT DATES

26th April Breakfast at PJ's Pub @ 09H30 AM

5th May Regimental Parade @ 10h30 AM

5th May AGM in the combined Officers & NCO's mess @ 13h30 PM

8th May VE Day Ceremony at Hemmingford Legion Branch 244 @ 10h45 (followed by Lunch)

24th May Breakfast at PJ's Pub @ 09H30 AM

2nd June Annual Reunion in the Officers & NCO's mess @ 11h00 AM for noon

25th August Annual Corn Roast/Pic-Nic at Hemmingford Legion Branch 244 @ 11h00 AM

LAST POST

Edwin J.D. Wellington, M.M. January 25th 2012



'It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our father on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at the Jewish General Hospital after a short battle with lung cancer in his 89th year. Dad leaves to mourn his daughters Susan and Carol (Brian McCarthy). Proud Grandpa to Brittany and Ryan and Great- Grandpa to Alexia.

Predeceased by his loving wife Shirley of 60 years.

Dad served overseas for five years during WWII with the 17th Hussars. After the war he was an employee of Continental Can Company for over 30 years and enjoyed many years in retirement.

A man of immense energy, courage and strength, Dad enjoyed many years at the cottage in South Hero, Vermont, fishing, golfing and playing practical jokes. He still found the time to write articles for 'The Trumpeter' and was always making plans for tomorrow right until the very end.

We are grateful to have had many years with Dad and will dearly miss his long conversations, stories of Montreal in his early days and his love of current events. Now joined in eternity with his childhood sweetheart and true soul mate, Shirley."

Norman Yeager March 25, 2012



Montreal reunion in June 2006



Rots, France is where Norman was wounded

'I am the son of Norman Yeager and am sorry to advise that my father passed away March 25th 2012 following a long battle with metastatic prostate cancer. Dad was a member of the 17th DYRCH and was a proud member of the Association. Wounded in action in Normandy in June 1944, as part of the Normandy Campaign.

I have attached a couple of pictures, the first from the Montreal reunion in June 2006, and the second picture is at Rots is where Norman was wounded, I traveled with Dad to Normandy with him in July 2006. There is also a plaque for Dad and his late brother David Yeager at the Juno Beach memorial."

Sincerely, Jack Yeager

John R.B. Taite, December 4th 2011

Marjorie Taite, phoned me tonight to let me know that her husband, Dad's very good friend from his army days died today in the afternoon on December 4th. John was 91 years old.

On Remembrance Day, November 11th, I thought about John and called them to see how they were doing. I hadn't talked to them for a very long time. Marjorie told me that John had started getting ill in March 2011 and had been admitted to the hospital on November 6th and was extremely ill now. I went to London one day the following week, stopped to pick up Marjorie and we both went to the hospital to see him and he didn't look well, but still had his sense of humour. Since then, I have been keeping regularly in touch with Marjorie and she had said that according to the doctors there wasn't much hope. As well, John kept pulling out any tubes. Marjorie was sad but had a feeling of contentment in that John passed peacefully away in the afternoon while they were alone together holding hands.

Dad really had a feeling of high esteem for both John and Marjorie. He always said John was his big mate in the army and looked forward to visiting them in London for a few days whenever he was in England. Once I met both of them, I realized why Dad had a strong feeling of affection towards them. John was a lovely man with a sense of humour and Dad said that they had many lengthy conversations when he visited and I believe Dad felt Marjorie's cooking was akin to Grammar's great cooking. Bye for now and Take Care

Sincerely, Lorraine Ashbury (daughter of Ray Barnet)

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REGIMENTAL CAVALRY BALL

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH 2012

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE NEXT TRUMPETER





The Royal Canadian Hussars Association

Dear fellow Hussars,

It is now time to renew your membership with the RCH Association. A regimental Association plays an essential part in a regiment's life, because it is the link between the past and the present, through its activities which reunite former and active members. These activities such as the annual corn roast, breakfasts at PJs, Association meetings, the Trumpeter (news letter), are there to promote cohesion and networking.

The association also provides financial support for many of the regimental activities such as the museum, the Troup of Cavalry and the Cavalry ball, etc. Life members may also have special privileges in their respective messes.

If you wish to get involved, the Association is looking for dynamic members or non members to coordinate or help out with its activities. These activities may be writing articles for the Trumpeter (i.e.: a story on the last exercise, a former member, Regimental history, etc.). Organising a wine and cheese, special sporting events, 5 à 7 etc. as long as it is fun and focused on networking and getting members together.

Finally, one of our priorities this year is locating and contacting former members. Help us, spread the word!

Cheers!

L' Association du Royal Canadian Hussars

Cher confrères et consœurs Hussars,

Il est maintenant temps de renouveler votre adhésion à l'Association RCH. Une association régimentaire joue un rôle essentiel dans la vie d'un régiment. Elle crée le lien entre le passé et le présent par le biais de ses activités, visant à réunir membres anciens et actifs. Ces activités telles que : l'épluchette de blé-d'Inde annuelle, les petits déjeuners chez PJ's, les réunions de l'Association, le «Trumpeter » (Bulletin de l'Association), sont là pour promouvoir la cohésion et le réseautage.

L'association fournit également un soutien financier pour de nombreuses activités telles : le musée, la troupe de cavalerie, un bal régimentaire etc. De plus, les membres à vie peuvent aussi avoir des privilèges spéciaux pour leur Mess respectif.

Si vous souhaitez participer, l'Association est la recherche de membres ou non-membres dynamiques pour coordonner ou aider avec ses activités. Ces activités peuvent être l'organisation d'un vin et fromage, d'écrire des articles pour le Trumpeter (Bulletin) sur des sujets comme le dernier exercice, un ancien membre, histoire du régiment, etc. Cela peut aussi être l'organisation d'un événement sportif, un 5 à 7 etc., le but recherché est de promouvoir le réseautage et la cohésion dans une atmosphère détendue.

Enfin, une de nos priorités cette année, est de localiser et contacter le plus grand nombre possible d'anciens membres. Aidez-nous à atteindre cet objectif, passez le mot!

Au plaisir!

MEMBERSHIP FORM

I wish to apply/renew membership please find my fee enclosed
J'aimerais prendre/renouveler mon adhésion, veuillez trouver ci-joint, ma cotisation:

15\$ for one year
15\$ pour une année

Paiment for subsequent year
Paiement pour l'année subséquente; _____

I wish to get involved in writing articles, activities etc.
J'aimerais m'impliquer pour l'écriture d'articles, activités etc

I am not interested in maintaining my membership with the association.
Je ne souhaite pas maintenir mon adhésion avec l'association

Suggestions for activities and/or name and contact info of a former member you would like us to reach.

Please confirm your coordinates / S'il vous plait, confirmer vos coordonnées:

Surname, name / Prénom, nom: _____

Address / Adresse: _____

Telephone number / Téléphone: _____

Email / Courriel: _____

Date of service / Période de service: _____

I agree to have my address (specify) published in the RCH Association's Member's Directory.
Je permets à l'Association du RCH de publier mon adresse (préciser) dans le bottin des membres.

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You can mail this form with your check to the address below or it can be dropped off at the regimental Orderly room to the attention of RCH Association Membership.

Vous pouvez envoyer ce formulaire avec votre chèque à l'adresse ci-dessous ou le remettre à la salle de rapport régimentaire à l'attention du Adhésions d'Association RCH.

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