



ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS ASSOCIATION  
NON NOBIS SED PATRIAE  
Christmas 2013



**AS WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE WE PAUSE TO HONOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SACRIFICED THEIR WELL-BEING TO PROTECT OURS, THE 11TH HOUR OF THE 11TH DAY OF THE 11TH MONTH IS RECOGNIZED IN SILENCE ACROSS THIS COUNTRY SINCE 1919, A TRIBUTE TO CANADA'S FORCES THAT DIED IN THE THROES OF WAR AND PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS. LESS WE FORGET**

**The Association hosted the Remembrance Lunch on November 11<sup>th</sup> in the combined mess, our guests and members had a great afternoon. We look forward to seeing you at the next remembrance lunch mark your calendar for November 11<sup>th</sup> 2014.**



## REGIMENTAL CHANGE OF COMMANDING OFFICER

On November 30<sup>th</sup> 2013, the regiment had a change of command parade between the outgoing Command Officer, LCol Steve Dubreuil and the Incoming LCol John Hlibchuk. With more than 75 on parade all ranks, the reviewing Officer Colonel De Sousa Commander of the 34<sup>th</sup> Canadian Brigade Group, was impressed with our drill and outstand overall performance.



All thought it be a sad occasion to see LCol Dubreuil leave, once a Hussar always a Hussar, we wish him good fortune in his future endeavors and would like to thank him for his constant support of the Association.

We would also like to welcome our new incoming Commanding Officer LCol John Hlibchuk. LCol Hlibchuk has been a member of the regiment for many years, and always a great support of all our Associations activities.

The new CO has assured me that he will carry on the great support of our Association as Commanding Officer, and looks forward to helping us reach old and new members, and help bring them back to the Association Family.





## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Hello and season greetings to all members of the Association, Regiment and friends of the Association. It's a pleasure to be able to send best wishes to you all as we wrap up another year during which all Hussars have distinguished themselves both at home and abroad.

I want use this opportunity to congratulate our outgoing Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Steven Dubreuil on a superb tour and on the many accomplishments that the regiment has achieved over the past three years. In equal measure I add my welcome to Lieutenant Colonel John Hlibchuk as he takes up the reins and leads the regiment through what is sure to continue to be a busy and challenging time in the Army.

I sincerely wish that you are able to spend this festive season with loved ones and friends and have a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year and a safe holiday.



The association would like to congratulate Anna-Mai & Fraser Martin on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which they celebrated on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December 2013.

In closing I wish to thank all the members of the Executive for their efforts and support. Without that support this job would be impossible to do and to those little things that many of you the membership of the association do to support our efforts, thank you so much.

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**Karl Kramell**  
**President**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER



Merry Christmas, to all members of the Regiment and Association and your respective families. Take this time for a well-deserved rest and to spend time with your loved ones.

Also please take the time to extend a caring hand to those among us who may have lost their families or who are alone.

The Regiment is a second family, so look out for buddy and make sure no one is alone.

Hope to see you all for Levee Day on Jan 1 in the Combined Mess. "

**LCpl J Hlibchuk**  
**Commanding Officer**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR



En cette période de réjouissances, j'espère que vous aurez l'occasion de prendre du temps de qualité avec ceux que vous aimez. Ayez une pensée pour nos soldats qui passeront les Fêtes déployés à l'extérieur du pays, loin de leurs proches, ou encore pour ceux qui sont blessés dans l'âme ou qui n'ont plus la santé physique pour vivre normalement.

Mon message se veut avant tout appel à tous les membres de l'Association: si vous connaissez un confrère ou une consœur qui n'a personne pour passer le Fêtes, invitez cette personne à célébrer avec vous! Soyez solidaire et altruiste.

Sur une autre note: les personnes qui ont assisté au dîner protocolaire des adjudants et sergents du RCH, qui eut lieu en avril dernier, peuvent obtenir un DVD souvenir à prix modique. Communiquez avec mon sergent d'armes, Steve Barrette.

Je tiens aussi à saluer le LCpl Steve Dubreuil qui vient tout juste de terminer son mandat de commandant. Il a été d'une grande confiance à mon égard et m'a donné l'occasion de me dépasser en tant que SMR. Du coup, je souhaite bonne chance au nouveau commandant, le LCpl Hlibchuk, qui lui succède avec un programme des plus intéressants.



Fait important à souligner : M. Bryan Brulotte s'est vu remettre le premier médaillon des Grands Amis du Régiment lors de la parade de changement de commandant du 30 novembre dernier. M. Brulotte est le premier récipiendaire de par son grand soutien aux officiers, mais surtout aux membres du rang du *Royal Canadian Hussars*; grâce à ses efforts, nous avons pu regarnir les accessoires de cérémonial qui en avaient le grand besoin. Merci, Monsieur Brulotte.

Finalement, chers membres, je vous remercie de garder dans votre cœur le Régiment malgré le fait que plusieurs d'entre vous ne sont plus en service actif.

**Adjudant P Chevalier**  
**RSM**

**LAST POST**

**Asbury R Truax 29 November 2013**

Born in Montreal, World War II veteran, passed away at the Lakeshore General Hospital.

Leaving behind his wife Sylvia Peloquin-Truax. Children Clive, Gail, Westley, Warren, Dawn, Grandchildren and Friends, he will be missed and always remembered.

**Keeping the Memory Alive Tour 2014**

As many of you are aware, we have been hosting and guiding the "Keeping the Memory Alive" tours to the WW1 and WW2 Canadian battlefields, cemeteries and memorials in France, Belgium, Holland and Italy since 2002.

As such, we have been privileged to take veterans, their children and grandchildren and other interested Canadians to places where our veterans and ancestors have fought for our freedom. Many children and grandchildren have been able to be at the grave site of an ancestor and for many this has awakened a new appreciation for their heritage. If you require more information please contact us, via e-mail [mhboomsma@sympatico.ca](mailto:mhboomsma@sympatico.ca), our next tour "Keeping the Memory Alive" tour 2014 which will include the commemorations at the Juno Beach Centre in Normandy for the 70th anniversary of D-Day.

If you know of anyone interested in making this kind of a pilgrimage, please pass this information to them.

With kind regards,

Martin and Helen Boomsma

**REGIMENTAL NEWS**

**Christmas Lunch December 7<sup>th</sup> 2013**







Sgt Pepin was awarded the 34<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commanders Coin, at the Change of Command parade for outstanding support to the Regiment & Brigade.

## **LOST TRAILS**

Unfortunately, we have lost contact with some former members of the association and regimental family. If you know of any former regimental members who are not in the association, please contact us via mail or e-mail;

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| <b>DATE</b>             | <b>EVENT</b>                                     | <b>LOACTION</b>    | <b>TIMING</b>                |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>14 January 2014</b>  | <b>Executive Meeting</b>                         | <b>Sgts Mess</b>   | <b>16h00</b>                 |
| <b>30 January 2014</b>  | <b>Breakfast</b>                                 | <b>PJ's Pub</b>    | <b>09h30</b>                 |
| <b>27 February 2014</b> | <b>Breakfast</b>                                 | <b>PJ's Pub</b>    | <b>09h30</b>                 |
| <b>27 March 2014</b>    | <b>Breakfast</b>                                 | <b>PJ's Pub</b>    | <b>09h30</b>                 |
| <b>24 April 2014</b>    | <b>Breakfast</b>                                 | <b>PJ's Pub</b>    | <b>09h30</b>                 |
| <b>26 April 2014</b>    | <b>NCO Candle Light (By Invitation Only)</b>     | <b>CDN Mess</b>    | <b>TBC (To Be Confirmed)</b> |
| <b>3 May 2014</b>       | <b>Officer Candle Light (By Invitation Only)</b> | <b>CDN Mess</b>    | <b>TBC</b>                   |
| <b>10 May 2014</b>      | <b>Regimental Smoker</b>                         | <b>B Sqn Lines</b> | <b>15h30</b>                 |
| <b>26 June 2014</b>     | <b>Breakfast</b>                                 | <b>PJ's Pub</b>    | <b>09h30</b>                 |
| <b>31 July 2014</b>     | <b>Breakfast</b>                                 | <b>PJ's Pub</b>    | <b>09h30</b>                 |
| <b>28 August 2014</b>   | <b>Breakfast</b>                                 | <b>PJ's Pub</b>    | <b>09h30</b>                 |
| <b>29 August 2014</b>   | <b>Association Golf Tournament</b>               | <b>TBC</b>         | <b>TBC</b>                   |

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