

# THE TRUMPETER

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## PRESIDENT



Our beloved editor *Jacques Pichette*, also known as "*Jock*", has been after me for sometime hoping that I would stop whatever I was doing, and would take time out to let our readers know a little more about this job.

Thirty years ago, I had the pleasure of taking over as president from my younger brother, the late Ross Canavan. This was back in 1976. It was during this time that the term of the president was extended from a two year term to a four year term. It was our feeling that after two years the current president would have a better knowledge for the job, and would be in a much better position to carry on with whatever lay ahead. In 1990 I was asked to take over as president once more. I

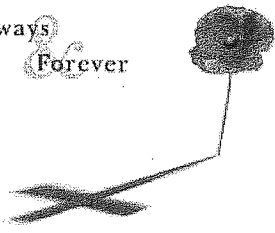
**ALAN CANAVAN** thought it through and said that I would do so on one condition. That condition was that I would serve for one year! It is now 2006 and it certainly has been a very long year! Our Regimental Association has had its ups and downs. Decisions have been taken at times which were not always popular. We have to expect things like that. We have always tried to have a strong executive committee and in that situation we have been most fortunate. As long as we all stay well there is no reason why we should not be able to continue for some time to come. As for me, I keep saying that if someone would like to replace me then I am ready to meet this individual.

As veterans we have indeed become members of an endangered species. We must remember to stay healthy at all times so that our efforts will be appreciated for the future.

Alan has a favourite story he enjoys telling - it involves a dear departed friend of his, **Captain Doug Jamieson**. There was a gathering that took place and we were informed by none other than Captain Doug Jamieson that reveille would be at 04:00 and that he didn't want to see any of us in the pub just across the field. He then dismissed us and that was that, or was it??? Some of us decided to go across the field and we did just that. Once inside the pub we ordered a beer and guess who was sitting right beside me? None other than Captain Doug Jamieson! After this, we finished our beer and left. Nothing more was said.

**Congratulation Mr. Canavan**, you are a **great President**. If you wish to contact Alan, please call 514-486-7187

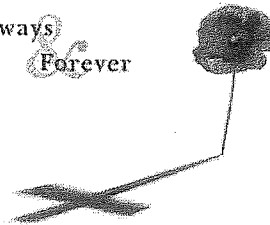
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**NOVEMBER 11, 2006**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY** - On Saturday November 11, 2006 the Royal Canadian Hussars Association will hold the annual "Remembrance Service" in the Armoury following the Cenotaph Service and Parade downtown . We encourage all members to attend. Traditional Hot meal will be served as we welcome veteran's from Ste.Anne's. Please connect with a family member or friend for transportation. *It all begins at 12.00 Noon - Bar will be open*

## **IN FLANDERS FIELDS**

by John McCrae

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.**

## **We Shall Keep the Faith**

by Moira Michael

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,  
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!  
We caught the torch you threw  
And holding high, we keep the Faith  
With All who died.

We cherish, too, the poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led;  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies,  
But lends a lustre to the red  
Of the flower that blooms above the dead  
In Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red  
We wear in honor of our dead.  
Fear not that ye have died for naught;  
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought  
In Flanders Fields.

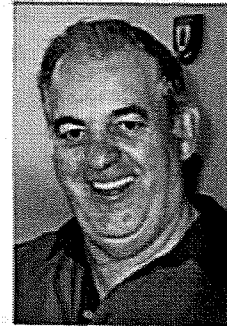
## The Men behind the RCH Museum



**RCH Museum** has grown into one of Canada's most exciting sanctuary for War memorabilia. We don't have major space, but the coziness offers peace and tranquility you expect from larger museums. **On November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006**, you will have an opportunity to visit the Museum while attending the "**Remembrance Day Celebrations**" at the Armoury.

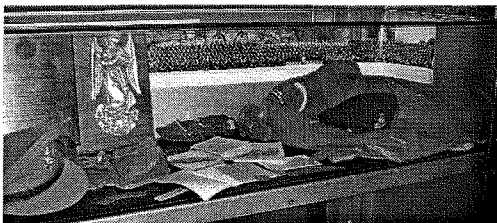
**Dunc Munro** is the humanitarian who has supplied necessary funding to purchase showcases. Dunc also donated family memorabilia to our Museum as well as a couple of pieces for the Centre Juno Beach, in France.

A few years ago I visited the Museum for the first time, and I was impressed. Since then I have visited many museums around the world including the Ottawa Museum. I am now convinced that the RCH Museum is one of North America's hidden secret. We can credit an unselfish individual for the many hours given to catalogue each item donated over the years. At our recent meeting we were informed by our Curator that our museum will soon possess a complete set of Armoury badges.



As a member of this association I highly recommend that you pay a visit, during our "**Remembrance Day**" celebration on November 11, 2006 at the Armoury. We realize that many no longer drive an automobile, I have a suggestion – **call a family member or friend and bring them along for the celebration.** Don Greene is proud of the Museum and is always looking for new items. If you are not too sure about what will happen to your donation, call Don Greene (450) 671-4732

**Don** was telling us about a "**Flashlight**" that was donated, and that he could not find a way to turn it on. As he continued his venture, he found out that the flashlight needed a candle.



The showcase illustrates memorabilia belonging to **17<sup>th</sup> Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars.**

The **beret & Hat Badge** is from Dunc Munro. The remaining pieces is part of a selection by our Curator.

**CENTRE JUNO BEACH** — Items are currently on display in the museum's permanent exhibit. As you may already be aware, **the Juno Beach Centre** is not only a museum but also an education centre that presents Canada's role in the Second World War. **Thank you Dunc and Don.**

## Doreen's Report

Dear Members, if you attend our **Remembrance Day Ceremonies**, please take some time to **congratulate Doreen Dunlop-Riley** who is not only our Secretary, but also Membership Chairman. Doreen is **Doadie** Dunlop's daughter and she does great work for the association.

### MEMBERSHIP

Paid-up and life Time Members 216,  
Widows 26, Outstanding 6 for a total of 248.

### SICK PARADE

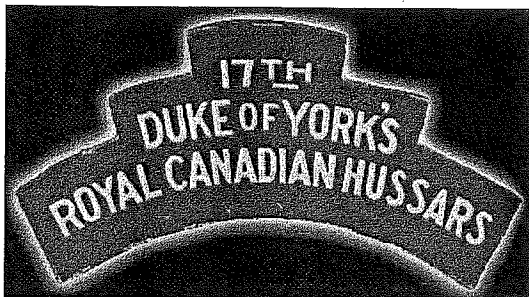
Peter Amsden – Residence Baniteau  
Mario, St.Leonard, QC

S.Lucas – Bedford Hospital, Bedford, QC  
H.Smith – Parkwood Vets Hospital,  
London, ON

Cyril Martin – Alex Muir, George Yorgan,  
Bruce Blandford and Ralph Warren all at  
St.Anne's Hospital, Montreal, QC  
Edmund Gallant – Summerset Manor,  
Summerside, PEI.

### LAST POST

J. Leonard Saull, Kanata, ON  
T.W. Double, Ottawa, ON



The man you see to your left is **Ken Hawkhurst**. The association treasurer. He is active, a great pool shooter, and attends coffee breaks on a regular basis. If I need help with the **Trumpeter** he will gladly

help me stuff envelopes, buy stamps and drop them into the mail box. He gave us a run-down on the Bank Reconciliation dated June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Balance as of June 13, 2006 \$ 1,435.00 including interest, dues, and 50/50 amounted to \$ 141.50 for total credits of \$ 1,576.50

Balance – per bank statement  
\$ 1,401.50

Investments \$ 7,000.00 for a total of \$ 8,402.50. **Thank you Ken.**

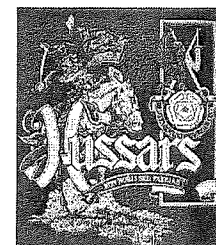
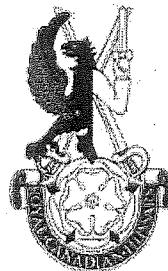
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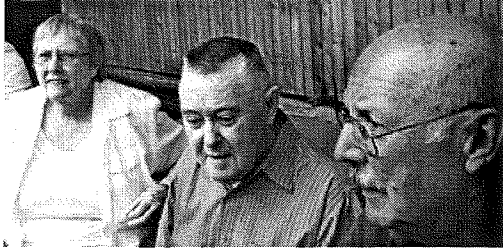
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## CORN ROAST AT HEMMINGFORD

Anna-may and Judge Fraser Martin along with Karl Kramell enjoy some quality time in the garden.



The Annual ***Cec Hamilton Memorial Corn Roast*** produced another success this year. The six dollar lunch is a great value, and you even leave with a bag full of corn. The weather was beautiful as we enjoyed an afternoon in the garden listening to songs by ***Elizabeth Morgan***.

We should stage all our parties at Hemmingford. Branch 244 and ***Karl Kramell*** deserve kudos for a wonderful day. This year we not only enjoyed some great corn but also chicken. The apple pie is to die for. Congratulation to all. We missed Doadie this year, and it's understandable to see attendance dwindle.

Many members are not driving anymore or the distance is too far not to mention how our veterans feel on that particular day. At our last executive meeting, the subject was brought up, and we are thinking about renting a ***"mini"*** van for next year.

## REGIMENTAL NEWS

***The big news is really the arrival "en masse" of our new Mercedes G Wagons.***

The 2006 / 2007 training year started off as usual on 9 September with the Regimental in clearance. It was good to see all those returning Hussars and some new faces as well with many fresh off of summer courses and call outs. Regimental structure and manning has changed little aside from the amalgamation of CS Squadron and personnel awaiting training into the "new"

Depot Squadron. B Squadron has a new OC with Major Steve Dubreuil taking over from a departing Major Jackson. The big news is really the arrival "en masse" of our new Mercedes G Wagons. The Regiment now has twelve and will eventually have sixteen unarmored Reconnaissance variants of the G Wagon. It is an interesting and capable vehicle equipped with the TCCS radio and a small cupola which can mount a 7.62 or 5.56 machine gun. B Squadron has already deployed these on exercise and they are a welcome change from the rental SUVs that we have been using since 2003. Recruiting is the number one priority for the Regiment this year and while we are holding our own the emphasis is on increasing our strength. To this end we are attempting to establish an out Squadron in Joilette and the Regimental Remembrance Day Parade will be held on 12 November 1500hrs at the Joilette Legion. On 11 November the Regiment will be part of the Remembrance Day Parade at the Cenotaph. With the new G Wagon and efforts of our Recruiting Cell and indeed those of the Regimental family we hope to significantly increase our strength over the next year. Maybe our new recruiting slogan should be, " Drive a Mercedes before your dad does – JOIN THE HUSSARS!". Remember we have a "Open House/Family Day" at The Armory on 4 November and all are invited – Bring a Friend. Events to look forward to over the next year include the Balaklava Dinner on 28 October, **The Men's Christmas Dinner on 9 December and of course Levee Day on 1 January.** Final Regimental Parade is set for 5 May 2007 and planning is now underway to hold a Calvary Ball that evening. More to follow. Further out all are reminded that 2008 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Amalgamation of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hussars. Suggestions are always welcome. The Armored Corps is undergoing rapid change with the current evolving nature of the mission in Afghanistan. With Canadian tanks deployed into a combat zone for the first time since the Korean War and our first crewmen killed in action (RCD) change is being forced upon us and as always we as Hussars will be up to the challenge.



### **CAPT. MICHAEL KAIRNS 1960 – 2006**

RCH Association & friends express their deepest sympathy *to Emma Rath* and children *Tianna and Cody*.

Michael joined the Royal Canadian Hussars as a member of the ranks on 25/01/1986 and transferred to become an officer a year later. Capt. Cairns held several positions at the Unit and commanded B Sqn. He also worked as class B at the 34<sup>th</sup> Bgd. He leaves behind three sisters, *Carol Ann, Louise, Johanne* and brother *Daniel* who is an officer in the 2RCA. Capt. Cairns was planning to move to Australia and wanted to remain with the RCH while overseas, he requested to become a serving officer in an Australian reserve armoured unit. Capt. Cairns was informed of his cancer a week prior to his departure to Australia. He passed away on 12/10/2006



### **INSTITUTE MEETING**

The Royal Canadian Hussars Institute recently held its 2006 Annual General Meeting at the Cotes des Neiges Armory on 14 October 2006. Eleven members were in attendance. First the issue of establishing a Standing Secretary was discussed. The President outlined that as the Institute itself was constantly subjected to changes in key positions due to death, illness and non availability there was a requirement to establish a Standing Secretary for the Institute. This would provide continuity and an essential link between the Regiment and its Institute, enabling the Institute to best support the Regiment while providing meaningful assistance and guidance in the best "Hussar" tradition. The Deputy Commanding Officer of the Regiment was assigned the position of Standing Secretary for the Institute. Aside from the usual Secretarial function his duties are to include establishing and maintaining a tax complaint operating system for the Regimental Institute. **Numerous issues** were looked at during the meeting. They included, upcoming activities, Regimental Christmas Dinner (9 Dec), Exercise Ironsides 16-17 February 2007 in Kingston (annual RCAC Bonspeil) and the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the amalgamation of the RCH in 2008. More will follow as these activities come on line in the not too distant future. The election of the new Institute Executive was held. Confirmed as President was Lt Col Kramell as President, LCol Ciaronni as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and LCol Jarycymoycz as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Don Greene was confirmed as Treasurer. The positions of Special Projects and Membership were deemed to be not required.

**Colonel Fraser Martin** emphasized that the Regimental Institute provided an essential forum within which issues of relevance to the Regiment that were deemed too contentious to be discussed within the existing constraints of the Military system could be freely discussed within the Institute. Finally he reviewed the status of donations to the Institute. There has been a steady rate of contribution to the Institute over the last decade. This was important not only to the Institute but to the Regiment itself. He emphasized that regardless of the size, each donation were considered to be important and deeply appreciated.