

TRUMPETER - JANUARY 2010



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.*

On November 11th 2009 Don Greene our master of ceremonies officiated over the Associations annual Remembrance Day Celebration in the Armoury. This year only two veterans assisted our event Alan Canavan and Stan Highway, we also had four other members of the association present. We were joined by LCol Dubreuil and RSM Lessard along with twenty five members of the regiment as usual the celebration was moving, the association would like to thank Gina Barrette for helping Don Greene with the food service and setup, we hope to see more of our members support next year.



A word from the President



Greetings to all!

It has already been eight months since our Annual General Meeting! I can tell you much water has flowed under the bridge since last May for our Association, New President, New Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, and New Commanding Officer. Jock and Ken have retired from the committee, all this over the summer period.

We also lost Colin Martin to Saint Anne's Hospital a dedicated and loyal member of our executive. Another executive member Ray Johnson broke his hip while in Myrtle Beach making him incapacitated and unable to join us at our meetings.

However, the remaining Executives immediately rolled up their sleeves to continue the work required and expected by our members. Steven Barrette, our 1st vice immediately took on the task as Treasurer in the interim and also editor for the Trumpeter.

Steven's first task was to make sure that the Trumpeter will be published and mailed before the Christmas holiday. I have all the confidence that this will happen. Planning is in process for our next General Annual Meeting next May and our Annual Reunion and Dinner next June.

At our next Annual General Meeting we will be looking for a new Treasurer, Secretary and Editor for the Trumpeter. If anyone wishes to volunteer for this now you are welcome to do so by contacting myself.

Perchance, would you be tempted to take on this most gratifying challenge? I mentioned Secretary, as Doreen Riley already mentioned to the committee that she would also like to retire in May because of

her work load at home. Very understandable and very much appreciated that Doreen will stay till May or until we elect a new one. Thanks' Doreen.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Ken Hawkhurst for having done an outstanding job as our Treasurer. We were sorry to see him go.

Ken has kept our books for many years and invested our money wisely, Thanks Ken. A big thank you to Jock Pichette for editing and publishing our Trumpeter. Jock you will be missed by all and especially all our Veterans that you kept in touch with via phone and everyday conversation. Well done to both of you, Ken and Jock.

So, where is the Association going? Well, let me tell you, straight ahead. That will be my preoccupation to keep the Association going as long as possible.

There is no need for it to end as some members predict. Age might change, we are not getting younger but the younger will carry on. I encourage members and especially from our 2nd World War Veterans to submit articles of any kind to be published. Letters to the Editor are also encouraged. Let's hear from you, what you think and what you would like changed or any comments, positive or negative. All letters will be published.

New Years Levee is our next event, Friday, January 1st at the Armoury. It starts with a breakfast at 1000hrs; all are welcome and encouraged to attend. A buffet will be served at lunch. If 1000hrs is to early then come any time you wish. It's a great old tradition and if we don't support it, it could get lost.

Our Monthly Breakfast is still going strong, and again I encourage you to attend to meet old and new friends. The Institute lunch will not be held during the winter months. The next one will be April 9, 2010.

Finally, may I offer you my best wishes for the Christmas season? I hope it is merry one with surprises aplenty. May the warmth that can only be generated at home amongst family and friends at this time of the year bring moments of tenderness, peace and merriment.

May 2010 bring health, Happiness and prosperity to each and every one of you.

A Message from The Commanding Officer



LCol Steve Dubreuil

On behalf of the officers, the Regimental Sergeant Major and all members of the Royal Canadian Hussars, I would like to wish you and your families the happiest and safest of holiday seasons and hope that 2010 brings you all that you wish for.

As you may be aware the recent boom times seem to be over and the Regiment is refocusing it's training to ensure we get the job done with shrinking resources however I am confident that despite these challenges the Regiment will carry out it's duties in fine Hussar tradition.

We have been busy at the unit and, in the spirit of the season, participated in full force to support the NDG food depot on December 5th operating in the Westmount area. Hussars continued their proud tradition of serving their community in collecting over 250 grocery bags filled to the brim for those in our community less fortunate than ourselves.

I would also ask that you and yours spare a moment to think about members of the military deployed around the world and far from their families' holiday tables. While no members of the unit are currently deployed, some are enjoying a Christmas after recently returning from Afghanistan and others are training to go in the fall of 2010.

A message from Honorary Colonel



HCol Fraser Martin

As 2009 comes to an end may I take this opportunity to express my thanks to all members of the Regiment, the Association, the Regimental family and to the many friends of the Regiment for your excellent support during the last year. C'est donc avec plaisir que je répons à l'invitation de Col. Karl afin de vous adresser quelques mots en cette fin d'année. Effectivement, l'année 2009 en a été une assez chargée et parfois difficile avec un programme d'entraînement lourd et plein des défis.

In the face of shrinking resources the Commanding Officer, the Deputy Commanding Officer, the squadron commanders and the Regimental Sergeant Major together with all those responsible for the administration and training of the unit have contributed their level best to ensure that the training standards of which we are all proud would in no way be compromised. Je suis fier de souligner qu'il n'y a eu aucun compromis à cet égard.

Il va sans dire que tous les membres du régiment ont contribué librement de leur temps, bien souvent en dépit de leurs obligations familiales pour rencontrer les besoins des forces armées canadiennes.

Je laisse au commandant le soin de vous faire rapport pour le programme d'entraînement de l'année courante.

A number of changes occurred in the course of the last year notably the seamless transition in the command of the regiment from L/Col Cyrice Lelivere CD to L/Col Steven Dubreuil CD. Tel que prévu, le Colonel Steven a pris la barre (si vous me permettez de me servir d'un terme nautique) d'une façon ferme, compétente et avec confiance. With the able assistance of Major John Hlibchuk, the Deputy Commanding Officer, the Regiment is in good hands indeed.

Nous avons eu également l'opportunité de souhaiter la bienvenue à M. Larry Smith qui assumait la poste de lieutenant-colonel honoraire en prenant la place de lieutenant-colonel Karl Kramell. Col. Karl cependant ne s'est pas trop éloigné si on écarte, pour les fins de la discussion, son présent séjour en Floride. He is in daily contact and remains the guiding force behind the Royal Canadian Hussars Institute. In addition has assumed the presidency of the Association in the place of the indefatigable Alan Canavan. In this task Sgt Steven Barrette ably assists him. I am delighted to note that Alan has not gone anywhere either and remains available to dispense the sage guidance and advice which he has provided to us all over the years.

To all those who have served and are serving actively with the regiment and particularly those who are currently serving and who have served overseas, most recently in Afghanistan, I express my sincere admiration and thanks. I know from first-hand experience the strains such overseas postings places on the families and loved ones and particularly upon the consorts and children of those serving overseas. Words simply fail to adequately express the gratitude and admiration that I personally feel; as I know we all do, for their efforts.

Pour ceux qui ont servi non seulement chez nous mais plutôt à l'extérieur et plus récemment en Afghanistan j'exprime mes remerciements les plus profonds. Je parle en connaissance de cause lorsque je souligne les tensions et les difficultés qu'une assignation outre-mer entraîne pour nos familles et nos proches et notamment pour le conjoint ou la conjointe et les enfants. Les mots me manquent pour exprimer l'admiration que je ressens pour eux.

Il me reste à vous souhaiter mes meilleurs vœux pour la saison des vacances et pour l'année 2010. Please accept my very best wishes for a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Non Nobis Sed Patriae
J. Fraser Martin, H/Col. R.C.H.

A message from Stan Highway



Stan Highway

Thanks to Stan Highway our traveling correspondent, Stan had a chance to visit Colin Martin who is at St-Anne's Hospital. Stan reports that Colin is doing well, considering the problems he has Colin always has a smile and loves to receive visitors; he wishes everyone a great holiday season and a great new year.

Annual Corn Roast



Alan Canavan

Royal Canadian Hussars Association Annual Corn Roast" The Annual Cecil Hamilton Memorial Corn Roast was held last August 22nd at the Royal Canadian Legion in Hemmingford. Saturday proved to be a good day to hold this event vs. Thursday as in previous years. The Ladies of the Branch had done a very good job with the lunch. 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. Our Honourary Colonel Fraser Martin and his wife Anna-Mai were also present for this event. Someone 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. Also, we were given a bag to take home which included four or five ears of corn. The Royal Canadian Hussars Association would like to thank Karl and his team and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hemmingford Royal Canadian Legion for all that they did to make this a very pleasant occasion.

Change of Command



LCol Steve Dubreuil

On September 27th 2009 the regiment held the change of command parade where we said goodbye to LCol Cyrive Lelievre who over the past 4 years has done a great job in commanding the regiment as well in supporting the Association with various projects. LCol Lelievre was replaced with the new CO LCol Steve Dubreuil who has been at the regiment for a few years as Deputy Commanding Officer who has attended many association functions and has promised to give as much if not more support to the association as the new CO and association member. LCol Dubreuil has an open door policy if you ever want to talk to him, please feel free to do so.

Important Dates

Breakfast, will be held on the last Thursday of each month @ 10h00 at PJ's Pub on St-Jacques. The dates are: February 25th, March 25th, April 29th, and May 27th

The NCOs will be having their annual spring dinner on March 27th 2010 @ 19h00 at the combined Officers & NCOs Mess please contact the RSM Denis Lessard for more details, 514-496-2024 extension 227.

Institute Lunch, to be held the first Friday of each month starts in April @ 11h30 in Officers & NCOs Mess. The dates are: April 9th, May 7th, and June 4th.

The next Executive meeting will be held on Thursday April 8th 2010, at 10h00 in the Jr. Ranks Mess.

The Officers' will also be having there spring dinner on May 1st 2010, please contact the Captain Adjutant for more info, 514-496-2024 extension 268.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on May 8th at 11:00 am.

And of course the Annul June Reunion will be held on Saturday June 5th at 11:00 am more details will be in the April Trumpeter

2009 ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As some of you may be aware there have been some changes in the executive committee as indicated in the presidents opening remarks. These changes will not diminish your committees efforts to give you the support required in future we are always looking for new and fresh ideas never forgetting the traditions set fourth by the past committee members, if you would like to be part of the executive committee we encourage your to talk to the committee members and see how you can help our association.

MEMBERSHIP



Doreen Riley

Paid-up and Life Time Members	163
Widows	24
Outstanding	12
TOTAL:	199

Donations

Olive Jamieson (in memory of her Doug)

Joseph Lilko.

SICK PARADE

Collin Martin, Cyril Martin, Alex Muir, George Yorgan, Luc Rene de Cotret
St. Anne's Hospital, Montreal, Quebec

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

Peter B. Waud
Brampton, Ontario

LAST POST

Gordon MacKay, Surrey, B.C. "A" Squadron

Previous Member

Ross Patterson, Lachine, Quebec "C" Squadron

REGIMENTAL TID BIT

Now and then we would like to present 'tid-bits' of news gossip and general info, if you have news or up coming family events that you wish to share with other members please send them to the attention of the Trumpeter committee and we will do our best to include them in future issues.

- Alexandre Cyr and his wife Heidi Hoege, are the proud parents of baby a girl "Alexandra Danielle Cyr 6 lbs 3 oz born January 30th 2010" mother and daughter are doing fine.

NEW MEMBERS DRIVE



Steven Barrette

On September 26th 2009 a new members drive was held in the combined Officers & NCOs' mess at the armoury, this event began with an idea from Don Edwards, Dave Edwards and Don Pelletier all past members who have served and continue to serve the forces. The idea was to get together and meet with past friends and continue to carry on with the association. Among the committee members formed for the event were Don Edwards, Dave Edwards, Don Pelletier, Danny Garvin, Pascal Hypolite, Jim Montgomery and Steven Barrette. A mailing campaign was set forth beginning in July to contact as many former and current members who would be interested in building up the association. Present at the 26th of September were members of the unit who had not set foot in the building in 30 years, 55 were in attendance for an evening of memories and stories our kids should not hear. We would like to thank the committee for their efforts an additional 10 members were added to our roll and continue to grow keep up the good work.





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