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**OUR MESSAGE**

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada represents the vanguard of Canada's military. We are Canada's first and longest serving regiment taking an honoured place within Canadian history and representing a legacy of Canadian heroes serving with distinction since before confederation to within today's Canadian military. Torontonians have cause to celebrate and be proud of the citizen soldiers of the Queen's Own Rifles for their initiative and valour taken on behalf of Canada.

*In Pace Paratus - In Peace Prepared*



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SINCE 1860.**



# The Rifleman



**OUTGOING COMMANDING OFFICER**

**September 14 2014**

**LIEUTENANT-COLONEL P.M.R. ST. DENIS MSC, CD**



Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Michael Ross St. Denis was born in Montreal, Quebec. He obtained a diploma in basic, intermediate, and advance policing from the Ontario Police College; throughout his long and distinguished career he has completed over one hundred certificate courses and programs, in both military and law enforcement fields.

In December 2000, he joined The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada (QOR of C). Within QOR of C he has been employed as Operations Officer, Officer Commanding (OC) Parachute Company and 60th Company, the unit's leading line company. A highlight of his time as a Junior Officer was the honour of commanding the Guard of Honour at the official opening of the Juno Beach Center in Normandy, France as well as leading the burial party for three unknown soldiers from the Great War, found in the area of Ypres, Belgium.

Lieutenant-Colonel St. Denis is currently a Professor and Use of Force Coordinator in the Justice, Health, and Wellness Studies Program at Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Sciences located in Hamilton, Ontario. He lives with his wife, Tiffany, who is a decorated Police Officer and currently a member of the regional fraud unit of the Halton Regional Police Service. He has a daughter Nicole and son Matthew.

Through out his term of office he has dedicated himself to ensuring quality standards within the QOR of C. In June of this year he sent a special Honour Guard for the Normandy 70th Anniversary of D-Day. He was the guiding light of new Unit Standing Orders as well as forging many new and exciting links with the Regular Force. He has been a great source of inspiration to the Officers, Sr NCO and members of the regiment. He is especially thankful to all members of the QOR both serving and retired who made his success possible, without their great support achievement would not have been possible.



## **“RIFLEMAN ESPRIT DE CORPS IS VERY APPARENT”**

*Colonel Lawrence N. (Larry) Stevenson, Honorary Colonel, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada*



I took back on this past year with pride at an outstanding regiment which has not only achieved its tasks but has surpassed them with ease. Having served many years ago with the PPCLI and the Canadian Airborne Regiment I am truly astounded at the ability of this Regiment to train and deploy to the highest standards with the Regular Force, while at the same time handling other demanding jobs. I do believe this is because of the strong “Rifleman esprit de corps” which has been instilled by our past leaders, be they Commanding Officers, Officers or NCO’s - the results are very apparent.

I compliment LCol Peter St Denis, CD and his full complement of officers as well as CWO Paul Martin, CD and his NCO’s for a job well done. I have known many Commanding Officers in the Army over the years and I can say that LCol St Denis is one of the finest. Having said that, he and his leadership team have been able to accomplish great tasks, thanks primarily to the superb professionalism of our riflemen. He hands over an outstanding Regiment to LCol Banerjee.

Having just finished a great book, “Moment of Battle: The Twenty Clashes that Changed the World” by Jim Lacey and William Murray, I would recommend it to all professional soldiers. Our Regiment of course played a vital role in one of those battles, the Normandy Campaign, as our brave soldiers landed on the beaches and were the first to break through Hitler’s Atlantic Wall. This past June we sent 20 members of the Regiment and 2 bandsmen to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. I would like to thank Lionel Goffart, who from his own funds, provided the complete sponsorship of the Regiment’s trip. Lionel has been a keen supporter of this Regiment for many years. Another great military book I read this year was “One Day in August” by David O’Keefe. This book answered a question I have had for many years which is “Why did we raid Dieppe in 1942?” I won’t give away the punch line but suffice it to say that I finally understand why so many fine Canadian soldiers were asked to give their lives in this important clash in WWII.

This had been a difficult year for the Canadian Forces as the Army must deal with deal with limited funds for the first time in many years, given the Government’s increased focus on balancing the federal budget. I suspect that we will need to face similar austerity for a few years and thus we will all be challenged to make sure that we maintain our operational readiness in spite of these restrictions. I have had a number of meetings and attended Conferences

with Reserves 2000 this year and this organization is committed to making sure that the Reserves continue to play an important role in the Canadian Army despite the budget cutbacks. The Prime Minister has clearly stated that he wants to see the Reserves continue to play an important role in our Canadian Army.

There have also been many other individual efforts which must also be recognized such as Capt Adam West who after much work completed a full set of Regimental Standing Orders. This was a monumental project which was executed with great professionalism. I was also very impressed with our open house at Casa Loma this past Fall. The Band received many ovations as they serenaded the visitors from the Great Hall. John Stephens has worked wonders with the Museum and hosted many visitors who loved our exhibits. John, with LCol Rob Zeidler's support, continues to build one of the finest Military Museums in Canada.

I also would like to thank my partner, the Honorary LCol Brendan Caldwell for championing our soldiers, Bob Dunk for his helmsmanship of the National Association, LCol Ed Rayment for his handling of the very challenging role of Regimental Secretary and Adam Hermant for his careful steering of the Trust fund over many years.

On a final, and very important note, may I draw your attention to the appeal from the Regimental Trust Fund for financial support. The Trust Fund is a critical foundation for this Regiment. It supports many activities and needs that are not funded by the Canadian Army. We need to focus on building this fund up over the next few years. We are very fortunate to have our former Honorary Colonel, Col Paul Hughes, CD as the Chairman of the Trust Fund. He and his wife Bev have been very generous for many years and with his leadership I am confident that we will be able to build a Trust Fund that will support the QOR for decades. No one should feel, however, that their financial support is not worthy. We do need support from any and all quarters, to make this goal happen. We appreciate any support, large or small, that you can provide to the Trust Fund.

In Pace Paratus



Col and Mrs Hughes along with Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall and HCol Larry Stevenson and Mrs Stevenson during the recent visit to Winnipeg by the Colonel in Chief



## **FIVE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA BURSARIES AWARDED IN 2013**

In 2013, the regiment's National Association received a total of 11 applications for educational financial support available through The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada-Princess Alexandra Bursary. Of these, five applicants were selected to receive bursary awards to aid in paying for their post secondary school education.

The five recipients were: Adam Freeman, Toronto; Morgan Cameron, Calgary; Rebecca Leitch, Kitchener; Claudine Metcalfe, St. John's; and, Hannah Hryhoryshen, Sidney, BC.

Adam Freeman, nephew of David Lavery, President, Toronto Association Branch, attends Durham College, where he is studying Protection, Security and Investigation. Morgan Cameron is attending Carleton University in the Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management program. She is the granddaughter of Max Pritchard, a member of the QOR Association, who served in the Queen's Own from 1957-1969.

Rebecca Leitch is in the second year of the Psychology Program at the University of Waterloo. Her grandfather was Col. H.G. Leitch, a former member of the QOR. Claudine Metcalfe, studying Engineering at Memorial University in Newfoundland, is the granddaughter of John Metcalfe, President, Newfoundland and Maritimes Branch. Hannah Hryhoryshen, enrolled in the Nursing Program at Camosun College in Victoria, BC, is the granddaughter of Vancouver Island QOR Association member Gord Hryhoryshen. Her parents are also currently serving in the Primary Reserves.

"The selection committee carefully reviewed the applications, and everyone was impressed by the quality of the applicants," said Ron Craig, National Association Secretary. "All five recipients of this year's Princess Alexandra Bursary displayed a high level of academic achievement, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to success."

Created in 2010 to honour the former Colonel-in-Chief for her 50 years of service to the regiment, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada-Princess Alexandra Bursary is offered to immediate or extended family members of current or former serving members of the regiment.

"The Princess Alexandra Bursary is not only a permanent memorial for the 50 years of exemplary service to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada by HRH Princess Alexandra, but it also provides other significant benefits to society," Craig said. "When the recipients of these bursaries

graduate, they will start careers in a variety of professions, from law enforcement to public service and health care. The generous donations from members of the regimental family to the bursary fund help ensure that these gifted young people have an opportunity to achieve their life goals, and make a positive contribution to Canada."

**Tax deductible donations can be made to the bursary in three ways:**

Cheques may be mailed to:  
The Toronto Community Foundation  
33 Bloor Street East  
Suite 1603  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4W 3H1

Please ensure you put "QOR Princess Alexandra Bursary" on your cheque.

Donations by credit card can be phoned to:  
Toronto Community Foundation  
416-921-2035

Or by visiting the Toronto Community Foundation website: [www.tcf.ca](http://www.tcf.ca)



# An urgent message to the Regimental Family of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

Colonel Paul F. Hughes, CD, Chairman, Regimental Trust Fund.

In my first report to you in 2014 I'd like to take the opportunity to ask for help from the members of the regimental family. There are times when it is necessary to address the facts of life and to outline the situation in plain terms. This is one of those times. The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada's Regimental Trust Fund is at a critical stage, with the need for funds being maintained at a consistent level while the income from donations has been steadily decreasing, year over year.

This requires fiscal belt-tightening, with the first obvious result being noticed in this issue of Rifleman, which has been reduced in size from its standard 48 pages in length to a lesser number, with paid advertising being included for the first time in many years. The decision has also been taken to cease printed publication of the Powder Horn, which typically was produced three times each year. Other efficiencies are underway.

The activities undertaken on your behalf by the Regimental Trust ensure that our regiment is supported in areas not funded by the Department of National Defence. This has been the case since it was created in 1959 with the aim of "establishing a fund to promote the efficiency, welfare and well-being of the Regiment and of its members and to appoint Trustees to raise, hold and administer such fund". Subsequently, the Trust was registered with the Government of Canada as a charitable organization and as such received tax exempt status.

Since its inception the Trust has relied entirely on general fundraising appeals to generate the funds necessary to underwrite the costs of those responsibilities which do not receive government financial support, but which we feel are critical to the regiment's well-being. In this way we endeavour to build upon the regiment's more than 150-year-history by funding activities which raise its profile in the community for the benefit of its serving members, as well as those in the regimental family.

In addition to general appeals made in direct mail campaigns and in the pages of the regimental publications as well as on the website at [qor.com](http://qor.com), funds are generated through various foundation grants as well as designated donations for special regimental projects. Currently, the vast majority of funds received are from foundation grants and designated donations (88%) as opposed to general receipts received as a result of our appeals (12%).

Unfortunately, the aging population of the regimental family has resulted in a steep decline in contributions from that source in recent years as members pass on. However, in each fundraising appeal we encourage donors to think of remembering us in their wills so that their support for the regiment can continue in their names.

Because of the variety of demands made upon its resources on an annual basis, the Trust has disbursed all, or almost all of the monies collected each year. The following outlines where the money goes, although the Trust is always open to requests for financial support or worthy projects, each one of which is given full consideration.

The Regiment. For items and material not supplied by DND, such as the Post-Deployment Support Group's efforts in supporting the more than 75 Queen's Own personnel who deployed to Afghanistan, comforts to Riflemen deployed in theatre, Regimental and Band uniforms and instruments, travel and accommodation for D-Day and VE-Day tours, out-of-province or out-of-country military events and sports teams.



Regimental Museum: Rental space for the Regimental Museum at Casa Loma, additions to Queen's Own-related artefacts, support for events and maintenance.

Monuments and Memorials: Upkeep of those which now exist as well as necessary replacement, as done for the aging markers for those killed in the Fenian Raid in 1866.

RHQ HQ: Responsible for the writing, design and production and printing of the Rifleman. qor.com web site, writing an update to the Regimental history for completion this year, writing of the 2009 book about the history of the regimental bands since 1860, as well as liaison with regimental associations and those of our allied regiments.

#### Vision

My own personal vision is to create a capital fund within the Trust to generate interest on an annual basis. This will have the advantage of our not being so dependent on the vagaries and uncertainties of annual campaigns and contributions. I have no doubt that this will take some time and a lot of work on behalf of the Trustees but in my view it is imperative if we are to be In Pace Paratus for the next 150 years.

#### In Closing

The foregoing gives you a "broad-strokes" outline of what your Regimental Trust does for the Regiment and as time passes, and with the help of the committee leads whose responsibility it is to ensure that the projects currently in place are carried out I hope to bring you occasional updates. Without their assistance and devotion these projects would surely founder. Looking ahead, I expect we will be seeing proposals for new ventures for the Trust Fund to support and it is my sincere hope that funding will be sufficient to ensure at least some of these can be carried to completion.

I urge you to forward a tax-deductible donation to the Regimental Trust Fund to aid in carrying out its pledge to support our Regiment in every way possible. Elsewhere in this issue of Rifleman you will find details on how to do this, along with a donation form information on where to forward your contribution. I also offer my sincere thanks to all of those of you who respond to this urgent plea.

Sincerely

Colonel Paul F. Hughes, CD.



# QOR SUPPORTING CFB TRENTON FOR 2 DECADES



Currently, proud members of the Regiment extra-regimentally employed (ERE) at CFB Trenton are actively supporting two units: the Canadian Army Advanced Warfare Centre (previously known as the Canadian Forces Land Advanced Warfare Centre) and 8 Wing Operations.

There are six QOR of C members ERE at CFB Trenton; four employed at the Canadian Army Advanced Warfare Centre (CAAWC), one employed as a civilian on base and one at 8 Wing Operations. Within CAAWC, Capt Ben Lee is employed as the Officer Commanding Parachute Training Company; Sgt Jason Bridge is an Arctic Operations Advisor (AOA) instructor; Sgt Craig Buckle is the Unit Embarkation Officer; and Sgt Jason Chin-Leung is employed as a Parachute Instructor. Co-located at CAAWC, Sgt Dmitri Frounze is also employed at CFB Trenton as a civilian, providing technical advice to the Combat Training Centre in Gagetown, NB and CAAWC. Lastly, Sgt Brian Ragos works in 8 Wing Operations within the Combat Aerial Delivery Support Section. All members are still supporting the Regiment despite being ERE; most evident was support to the Basic Parachutist (B Para) courses run by the Regiment.

Currently, Capt Lee and Sgt Chin-Leung are forward deployed to Perris, California for the Military Freefall Parachutist and Military Freefall Jumpmaster J-stage. Capt Lee is the Airborne Force Commander and Sgt-Chin-Leung is the Course Warrant Officer for the Military Freefall Jumpmaster course. Sgt Bridge is also forward deployed but with the AOA course in Yellowknife, NT. Sgt Chin-Leung has been employed with CAAWC since 2004 and has represented the Regiment well and is one of the most knowledgeable Parachute Instructors (PI) working at CAAWC. Sgt Bridge has been employed with CAAWC since 2008 and is still actively involved in Regimental life and events. He has instructed on Helicopter Insertion Instructor courses, Aerial Delivery, DZ/LZ controller, and several round canopy courses to include the two B Para courses run



Sgt Chin-Leung (on the right) at the back of a CC-130J waiting to take part in a freefall parachute descent. This photo was taken during the Military Freefall Parachutist course.

by QOR of C in 2012 and 2013 respectively. Capt Lee has been employed at CAAWC since July 2013 as the Officer Commanding Parachute Training Company (PTC). He is the first PRes officer to occupy the OC position at the school in its history. PTC is responsible for all pers para courses; the Canadian Armed Forces Parachute Team, known as the Skyhawks, also falls under PTC. Since his arrival to the school, Capt Lee has been busy overseeing the conduct of the various parachute courses run by the company. Sgt Ragos has been at CFB Trenton for many years and worked at CAAWC until recently. Now employed at 8 Wing Operations - Combat Aerial Delivery Support Section, Specifically, Sgt Ragos is intimately involved with the MAJAID support loads; equipment that is a critical operational requirement in the event of an emergency.

Sgt Frounze, despite being employed at CFB Trenton as a civilian, is still involved in unit activity, in particular para training. For the next few years, the Regiment will maintain a presence at CFB Trenton and be on the forefront in the CAF parachuting capability. Airborne!



Sgt Bridge conducting a JM check on candidate from the 2013 PRes B Para course



Sgt Frounze with his section at the landing swings during 2013 PRes B Para course.



Sgt Frounze conducting a JM check on a candidate from the 2013 PRes B Para course.



Capt Lee receiving a JM check from MCpl Abate during the J-Stage for 2013 PRes B Para Course.

Photos courtesy of philipcheungphoto.com



# QOR Returns to Normandy

## 70th Anniversary of D-Day-Trip of a Lifetime

The QOR efforts on Juno Beach ensured that Operation Overload would be a success. As a result of tremendous work by both LCol St Denis and LCol Banerjee we were at the 70th anniversary with a full Honour Guard. Through the generous financial support provided by long time QOR member and strong supporter, Lionel Goffart, the dream became a reality and they left on June 3. The first stop was the town of Anisy home of the QOR at last light on D-Day. The first parade occurred at Le Mesnil Patry on June 5, site of the QOR Battle of June 11 1944. The Guard was active at our June 6/44 objective plus they had the opportunity of personally meeting our Colonel in Chief along with Mrs Harper wife of our PM. The group also toured the key battle areas in vintage military trucks. The balance of the time was then spent at Ypres - the Menin Gate, the Somme at Beaumont Hamel and at our famed Vimy Monument. The tour returned to Toronto on June 11 2014.





First ceremony at le Mesnil Patry



On Parade - Menin Gate - Ypres, Belgium



QOR marches proudly into Anisy



LCol Banerjee and CWO P. Martin and the children of Anisy



Presentation to the Mayor of Anisy in front of Vintage Military Vehicles



Final Parade - Vimy Ceremony



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Here is a brief update on some of the National Association events taking place over the next few years:

### *Newfoundland & Maritimes Reunion, August 7-9, 2015:*



Newfoundland & Maritimes Branch is planning a reunion to be held in Gander, NL. The highlight of the reunion will be the dedication of two markers, one in Botwood and one in Gander, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Queen's Own Rifles being stationed there during WWII to protect the vital airport. Newfoundland & Maritimes Branch has taken the initiative to have the stones created and dedicated. Your support would be greatly appreciated. A meet and greet will be held on the Friday evening in Gander to kick off a great weekend.

### *150th Anniversary of the Battle of Ridgeway, June 4th, 2016:*



Toronto Branch will be hosting the celebration to commemorate the 150th anniversary of our Regiment's baptism under fire. Plans include a recreation of the advance from Ridgeway to the battlefield by both the Queen's Own and the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (13th Battalion). New additions and improvements have been made to the battlefield site with more planned by Parks Canada and The Town of Fort Erie. A memorial will be dedicated to The Ridgeway Nine, all Queen's Own riflemen who made the supreme sacrifice defending Canada one year before Confederation. More details to follow.

### *100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, April 2017:*



A tour is being planned to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the battle on April 9th, 2017. Stops will include London, Normandy, Ypres and Paris. This is your chance to visit the site where for the first time, all four divisions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force participated in a battle together. This national symbol of achievement and sacrifice is truly breathtaking and you can be there for the 100th anniversary remembrance and celebration. More details to follow.

For more information, please visit the branch website at [www.qor-east.com](http://www.qor-east.com) or feel free to contact:

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Ben Turpin • [bturpin@personainternet.com](mailto:bturpin@personainternet.com) • 709-766-2353

**The Regimental Museum of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and the 15th Battalion CEF Memorial Project** (48th Highlanders of Canada) invite you to attend a WW1 Symposium featuring acclaimed presenters on the Great War:

**Andy Robertshaw:**

*Feeding Tommy: Battlefield Recipes from the First World War; Digging the Trenches*

**Robert Konduros and Richard Parrish:**

*WW1: A Monumental History*

**Norm Christie:**

*For King and Empire*

**Jack Granatstein:**

*The Greatest Victory:*

*Canada's One Hundred Days, 1918*

**Moss Park Armoury,**

**130 Queen Street East, Toronto, M5A 1R9**

**Sunday, September 28th, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Seating limited to 100 attendees

\$65, lunch included

[www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca)

For information: [john.qor@gmail.com](mailto:john.qor@gmail.com)

*Book signings, dealers, artifacts*

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June 2014 QOR Honour Guard marches out of the Menin Gate - Ypres, Belgium



## Report from the QOR VI Branch of the Regimental Association for 2013

The year opened with the Annual General Meeting at Branch 97 of the Royal Canadian Legion. As usual a number of our ladies attended and all enjoyed fellowship and a good lunch following the business session. Over 30 members plus ladies were present and the following photo shows most of the Riflemen.



QOR VIB AGM • January 13, 2013

*Front Row L to R :* Ed Titus • Bill Sears  
Tom Martin • Ed Widenmaier • Pete Kolbe  
Rennie Cromwell • James Hunter  
Willard Simmons • Gordon Kitch  
John Shavehook

*Middle Row :* Gord Hryhoryshen • Cy Barnes  
Bill Brayshaw • Merv Sneddon • MacKeigan  
Charlie Went • Mike Welby • Wade Cornick  
Art Saretsky • John Vasseur • Pat Bryson  
Bob Scrafton

*Back Row :* Gerry Lovett • Joe Webb • Leo Stamp  
Bill Churchill • Ken Bisson • Herb Pitts  
Jim Schulz • Chuck Cowell • Ron Cullan  
Missing from Bill Collins (photographer)

**THE BRANCH EXECUTIVE :** Bill Brayshaw stepped down after eight years as President. Elected to fill the offices shown were: President - Tom Martin, Vice President - Bob Scrafton, Treasurer and Membership - Ed Titus, Secretary - Leo Stamp. Peter Kolbe will continue with the Kit Shop and Gordon Hryhoryshen and Herb Pitts will remain as Directors

**QOR VI WEBSITE :** Our Branch Website [www.qorvi.com](http://www.qorvi.com) is up and running due in large part to the efforts and expertise of Mike Cuvelier who knew when to get paid professional help if needed.

**QORVI MUSEUM :** Our Museum is being cared for and developed by Bob Scrafton and Pete Kolbe. A visit is worthwhile and can be made any weekday between 1000 hrs and 1600 hrs. Weekends need booking ahead. It is located in CFB Esquimalt and all you need to do is follow the blue arrows on the pavement from the main gate to the Museum location.

### AWARD OF QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL

A number of our Branch members received the Medal from a variety of sources. Some of the recipients are shown in the photo below.

*Back Row L to R :* Bob Scrafton • Wayne Thomas  
• Harry Miller • Pete Kolbe • Gord Hryhoryshen

*Front Row :* Tom Martin • John Tolley • Ed  
Widenmaier • Herb Pitts • Ed Titus • Bill Brayshaw

*Missing :* Willy Willbond • Don McDonald  
Art Lefever





## H.R.H. PRINCESS ALEXANDRA BURSARY

Encouragingly, the National Association received 12 applications for the Bursary in 2013 from all across the country. Five recipients were chosen to receive the bursary, one being Hannah Hryhoryshen who is Gord's granddaughter.

Excerpts from her "Thank You" letter follow:

*"I am writing to thank you to express my thanks for the Bursary I was recently awarded. I am currently enrolled in Camosun College in Victoria for the full semester, taking 5 courses toward my degree. I truly appreciate this support of my higher education."*

## BRANCH SUPPORT FOR CADETS AND VETERANS

Letters of thanks have been received from Broadmead Care Centre and The PPCLI Cadet Corps (established by QOR of C in the 1960's). An excerpt from the Corps letter of thanks is given below for information.

*"Financial support from organizations like yours enables us to continue to offer exciting programs for youth. It enables the Committee to direct monies....towards providing more rounded and enjoyable experiences for our youth."*

## BRANCH ASSISTANCE FOR "SOLDIER ON" PROGRAM

The "Soldier On" program was holding a Golf Camp in Victoria which involved the Branch in hosting a supper and supplying persons to assist in five days of activities. Some of us attended a dinner with the group at Uplands, hosted by Tom Martin. All present (see photo) enjoyed the gathering and allowed us to get a wider idea of what this worthwhile program offers to Veterans enrolled. The photo below concluded the dinner and shows our members Martin, Titus and Pitts in attendance. Recognition of the event is summed up by an extract from the letter received following the visit to Victoria. It was sent by Major Feyko of Joint Personnel Support Unit.



*"I am writing to Thank You for your generous support...providing valuable service to our Soldier On members. The success of the visit surpassed our expectations and made an indelible difference, Thank You for your outstanding support."*



## ENTERTAINMENT REPORT 2013

**2013** was a good year for the association for entertainment we had two functions that were well attended. The first being the Birthday Dinner, 125 members were in attendance. Greg Oatway came in from Hawaii and it was good to see George Tesla and Gary Whiting once again. I am sure some old friendships were renewed.

The Octoberfest was also a success attended by 94 members. The food was excellent and the music kept SOME of us on the dance floor longer than we should have been. Those aching hips and knees let us know the next day.

Our monthly luncheons are a great success and we have an average of 50 members attending.



**Front Row :** Davies Larry • Fields Dave • Widenmaiare Ed • Kolbe Peter • Simmons Cy • Hunter Jim • Shavehook John

**Centre Row :** Pitts Herb • Sherman Rob • Vasscur John • O'Brien Dave • Cromwell Rene • Lavallee George • Sears Bill • Woolley Jim  
Brayshaw Bill • Saretsky Art • Everitt Wes • Fowler Bill • Sullivan Ed

**Top Row :** Cornick Wade • Titus Ed • White Jack • Webb Joe • Randall George • Lovett Gerry • Stamp Leo • Hovestad Adrian • Miller Harry  
Martin Tom • Wratz Wally • Scrafton Bob • Churchill Bill • Caven Ron • Lloyd Jim

## LAST POST

Arkininstall Cy • Aylesworth Roy • Hudson Jim  
Johnson Ken • MacKenzie Keith Douglas  
Mercer Fred • Purchase Fred • Robinson "Robbie" Neville

## INCOMING COMMANDING OFFICER

September 14, 2014

**LCol S. Banerjee, CD, BA, csc, pmsc**

**LCol Banerjee** is a native of Toronto, Ontario. He joined The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada in 1987 while attending the University of Toronto and commissioned in 1989, following Officer Phase training at the Combat Training Centre in Gagetown NB.

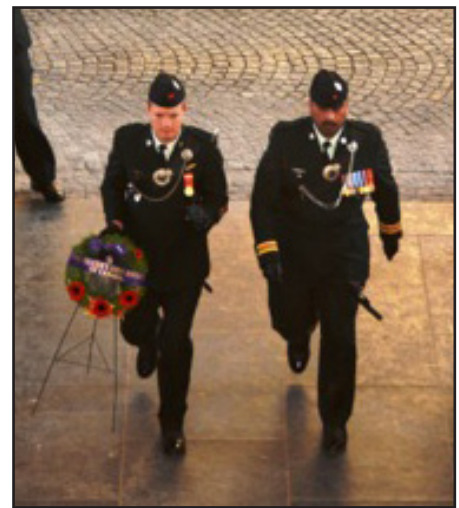
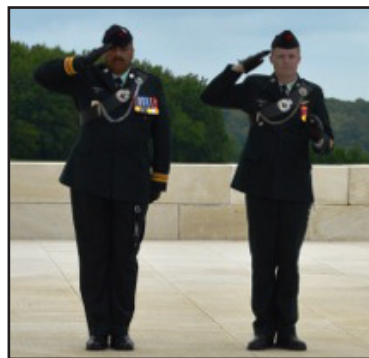
LCol Banerjee has served in a variety of appointments including; reconnaissance and rifle Platoon Commander; OC 60th, Buffs and Victoria Coy; and Adjutant. In 2004 he was appointed Deputy Commanding Officer, a position he held until his deployment in Nov 2006 as Deputy Commander, OP SAFARI – Task Force Sudan. In July 2007 he was awarded the United Nations Commendation for Meritorious Service in Darfur and Sudan. Upon his return to Canada he was appointed Senior Standards Officer at the Canadian Forces College. In 2008 he was selected as the first Reservist to attend the Regular Force - United States Marine Corps Joint Command & Staff College in Quantico, where he graduated with a 98% programme average. In 2009 he returned to CFC as a member of the Faculty. His service in Afghanistan includes duties with Combined-Joint Task Force 6 as Operational Plans Officer for Kandahar City and Chief of Governance Branch at 6th (UK) Division, HQ Regional Command (South), for which he was awarded the Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command Commendation and the Division Commander's Commendation.

In civilian life, LCol Banerjee is the Chief Operating Officer of Hidi Rae Consulting Engineers, a multi-national, multi-disciplinary firm headquartered in Toronto.

Extra Regimentally, LCol Banerjee has worked for the Canadian Defence Academy, the CF Recruiting, Education and Training Systems Command and on two domestic response operations with 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group. He is a graduate of Marine Corps University (Virginia), the Peace Support Training Centre (Kingston), the CF School of Management (St Jean), the UN Staff & Operations Officer Programmes (Slovenia and Geneva), The NATO School (Oberammergau), the African Centre for Conflict Resolution (Kenya), the Canadian Land Command & Staff College (Kingston) and the Canadian Forces College (Toronto). In his limited spare time he prefers golf, photography, scuba diving and spending time with his very patient wife and two very understanding and supportive children.



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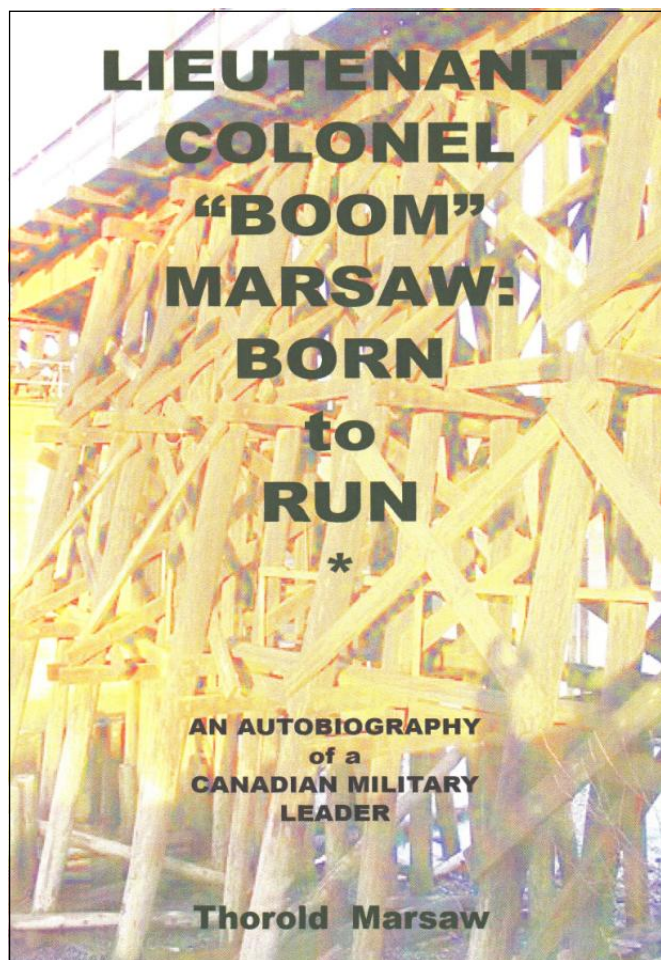
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# The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund

## **Dear Riflemen and Friends of the Regiment:**

For many years you have participated and supported your Regiment financially. It is through these donations that the Commanding Officer and elements of our Regimental family have been able to fund things that DND does not fund. Without your annual financial support many of the things that we take for granted may or even will not be funded. Firstly, The Trust operates on a cash in, cash out basis. In other words we do not have a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. In fact, a myth exists within the Regimental family that the Trust does indeed have a pot of gold that it can draw on to fund its activities. This myth has no basis in fact. There is no large pool of funds that the Trust can draw upon to fund its operations. The basic costs for the Trust for Museum rent and up-keep, the needs of the serving Battalion, the web site, the Rifleman, insurance, fund-raising etc. are between \$35,000 and \$50,000 per year and these funds are obtained from annual donations. The "special needs" identified by the Regiment are funded by separate campaigns, targeted fundraising or appeals. Examples of these are the fund raising for the 150th birthday in 2010, PDSG (Post Deployment Support Group), the publishing of a book related to the past 50+ years and the planned unit trip to Normandy for D+70 in June 2014. Without selected and special targeted fundraising these activities would not be possible. So, yes, the Trust Fund relies on generous donations from members of the Regimental Family and Friends of the Regiment to operate every year. Without your continuing support we would have great difficulty meeting our annual goals/objectives.

Please read below for a greater understanding of your Trust Fund:

## **Background**

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund came into being on September 1st 1959 when an Agreement and Declaration of Trust was made between the Colonel of the Regiment, Col. Baptist Johnson, OBE VD, and seven Trustees. The original seven Trustees were Lt. Col. the Honorable Ian M. MacDonell MBE VD, Col. JGK Strathy OBE ED, Lt. John G. Cream, Lt. Col. N. Charles Bradshaw, Lt. Col. Roland A. Harris OBE, and Maj. Edward A. Dunlop OBE GM. The purpose of the trust were generally described as being "to establish funds for the efficiency, welfare and well-being of the regiment and to appoint trustees to raise, hold and administer such funds". Since the Trust was established the Declaration of Trust has been updated twice with the most recent update on June 9th 2008. The updates clarified the purposes of the trust and roles and responsibilities of the trustees. In 1967 the Trust Fund was registered with the tax authorities, now the Canada Revenue Agency, as a charity and has the ability to issue tax receipts for qualifying donations.

## **Purpose of the Trust**

The updated purposes of the Trust continue to maintain the original intent and have been expanded and clarified to include the following major items:

1. supplying uniforms, accoutrements and equipment to the serving units, band and Pioneers and Skirmishers of the Regiment;
2. sending soldier's comforts to members of the regiment who are deployed on duty;
3. maintaining and operating a regimental headquarters;
4. celebration of regimental birthdays and anniversaries;
5. publication of Regimental newsletters, journals and website;
6. publishing Regimental histories;
7. establishment and maintenance of the Regimental Museum;
8. support for Regimentally affiliated Cadet Corps; and
9. establishment and maintenance of Regimental monuments, memorials and graves.

## **Governance of the Trust**

The Trust Declaration allows for 15 voting trustees and at the present time there are 14. A minimum of three trustees must have held the rank of Captain or higher and at least 80% of the trustees must have served in the Regiment. All trustees must be either members of the Association or associate members of the Officer's Mess. There are also ex-officio trustees who may attend all meetings but cannot vote. They are the Honorary Colonel, the Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, the Commanding Officer(s) of the serving Battalion(s), and the President of the National Association. The trustees meet twice a year - usually June and December. At the meetings the President presents a report, budgets and finances are reviewed and approved, appointments for trustees made and reports received from committees, the Commanding Officer, the National Association and the Museum, and other business is dealt with. The Executive Committee also holds meetings as required during the year to deal with items as they arise. At the present time the officers of the Trust are:

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QOR D-Day Veteran – William "Bill" IVES

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QOR D-Day Veteran – Norman MANNARD

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WWII Veteran – Vic BILLET

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***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.***

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## In honour of our rifleman who were killed on duty during periods of 'non-conflict'

Col, Mrs. Hughes and the Trust Fund have approved and will finance the installation a plaque at Moss Park Armoury, similar to those dedicated to the Fenian Raids, South Africa, and Korea in honour of our rifleman who were killed on duty during periods of 'non-conflict'. National Association President Bob Dunk has compiled a list of obituaries that are known. We ask for your help

1. In clarifying the circumstances of each death. Which death occurred on duty and should be included in the marker? Those in bold have been clarified.

2. If you are aware of any other on-duty deaths (e.g. Lt Gzowski, England, 1910), please let us know.

Any updates or concerns should be sent to John Fotheringham at john.qor@gmail.com by 31 October 2014.

Thank you.

- **BLAD**, Rfn Charles Clarence – 07 FEB 60, vehicle accident Mohne Germany.
- **SAWCHUCK**, Rfn Ernest – 13 FEB 60, died in Calgary. Circumstances unknown.
- **EGGMAN**, Rfn Bruno Ernst Werner – 14 OCT 60, vehicle accident at CFB Wainright,
- **HARDIE**, LCpl Keith Wayne – 31 JUL 61, vehicle accident in Calgary.
- **THOMAS**, Rfn George Edward – 28 JUL 62, vehicle accident in Calgary.
- **SMITH**, 2LT David Charles – 12 FEB 62, pneumonia in Calgary.
- **MILLER**, Rfn Hugh Charles – 28 JUL 62, vehicle accident in Calgary.
- **SCHMIDT**, Rfn Albert Ernest – 28 APR 62, diabetic coma in Edmonton.
- **FREDERICKS**, Rfn St. Clair Joseph – 17 MAY 62, vehicle accident in Germany.
- **ROUSSELL**, Rfn Dyton Vaughan – 28 SEP 62, died on leave in Holland.
- **ANDERSON**, Rfn Norman – 09 JUN 63, vehicle accident in Calgary.
- **MONTGOMERY**, Rfn Charles Robert – 08 NOV 64, vehicle accident.
- **HOARE**, Rfn Perry James – 14 AUG 65, vehicle (Powder Horn says Land Rover but eyewitness says a jeep) accident in Cyprus.
- **KIRBY**, Sgt L.W., MM, CD – 01 JUN 66, suddenly while serving 4CIBG in Germany.
- **THAYER**, LCpl Ivan – 11 OCT 65, died in Victoria.
- **VERFAILLE**, LCpl Joseph Jule – 23 APR 66, no other information available.
- **MURPHY**, Rfn David Lawrence – 24 DEC 66, died suddenly at Camp Wainright.
- **KABEL**, Cpl Percy Douglas – 28 JUL 66, died (along with father-in-law, QOR Sgt (ret'd) Fred Christie) boating accident while on leave.
- **BERG**, Rfn Robert William – 03 FEB 68, vehicle accident in New Westminster.
- **MAIER**, Rfn Donald James – 30 APR 68, vehicle accident, Revelstoke.
- **GEORGE**, Rfn HW (Harold) – 24 SEP 69, watermanship exercise Sooke River.
- **GURUNG**, Rfn Rajesh Narin – 12 JUN 77, military vehicle accident in Toronto



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