



# The Powder Horn

In Pace Paratus

Winter 2013

## New Honorary Colonel Larry Stevenson is welcomed



New Honorary Colonel Larry Stevenson is marched on by Drummer John Missons.



Outgoing Hon Col Paul Hughes CD stands by (left) as new Hon Col Stevenson's sword is attached by Capt Adam West.



Hon Col Larry Stevenson takes the salute at the Remembrance Day Parade as a large group of The Queen's Own Rifles Association members march by, led by Toronto Branch President Dave Lavery.



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## A collection of polished “Brass”



Outgoing Hon Col Paul Hughes CD, BGen Don Pryer, CD, LCol Peter St. Denis, MMM, CD and Hon Col Larry Stevens gather following the change of Honorary Colonels ceremony at Moss Park Armoury in November.



## Awards made at the annual Christmas Dinner



Rfn Dominic Ferguson, 18, the youngest on parade, is helped into the commanding officer's uniform tunic. Exchanging tunics is a Christmas Dinner tradition for the CO.



Named Airborne Rifleman of the Year, Capt Scott Moody is flanked by (left) Hon Col Larry Stevenson and (right) LCol Peter St Denis and CWO/RSM Mark Shannon.



Winner of the CSM Charlie Martin Award as Top Sergeant of the Year, Sgt Bryan Burns is flanked by CWO/RSM Mark Shannon and LCol Peter St. Denis.



# Visit of the new Colonel-in-Chief a 2012 highlight

By Dave Lavery, President, Toronto Branch

The members of the Toronto Branch had an exciting 2012, a year which began with the AGM in April where we were so fortunate to have all Executive Officers and Directors stand for another year. This was very reassuring to me as it confirmed how committed the Executive is to following through on the goals we set out for 2012.

Our first task was to support our CO, LCol. Peter St Denis and his team for the exciting Royal visit of our new Colonel-in-Chief, Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, on 22 May. What a fantastic day it was, with so many members there to actually greet Her Royal Highness and to welcome her to her new regiment. The Duchess responded as a Colonel-in-Chief should and took more time than scheduled to permit her to speak with as many of her troops as she could. Every one of us went away proud to be part of an historic day in the life of the Queen's Own Rifles.

June was the busiest month, beginning with a group trip to Ridgeway for the unveiling of a mural in the town centre, commemorating the Fenian Raids of 1866. We toured the battlefield with author Peter Vronsky (Ridgeway, The History of Canada) where we were captivated with battle stories and visiting actual locations such as the spot where Canada's first fallen, Ensign Malcolm McEachren, was killed. We are already making plans to revisit Ridgeway in 2013.

We also participated in the D-Day ceremonies at Moss Park Armoury which was well attended and featured a moving prayer for our fallen by Padre Captain Daniel Saugh. We then took part in supporting the annual Family Day hosted by the commanding officer. Next on the busy schedule was our 7th Annual Association Golf Tournament. It was our best year yet, with a sold out crowd which included the CO, DCO, and Adjutant and RSM taking home the most honest golfer award (we will keep their score a secret). LCol. Peter St Denis spoke to the players and guests and conveyed the appreciation of the soldiers and veterans of the regiment who benefit from the funds raised at this tournament.

July saw Canada Day celebrations followed by Warriors Day in August where the Association paraded into the CNE to a wonderful crowd. September gave us time to just catch our breath when we moved into October with the most wonderful trip to The Netherlands and Germany. We travelled with 50 fellow members from

across Canada including Major General Herb Pitts, MC, Tom Martin and other members from out west. Our friends from the East Coast were unable to make this one but I know they will be ready for 2014, the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. (Details coming soon). Many thanks to Bob Dunk, Maj. Gen. Herb Pitts and Tom Martin for their hard work and a trip down memory lane on the Canadian Bases in Germany.

November saw a beautiful day with sunshine for Remembrance Day and the finest turnout of Troops, Cadets and Association members on parade. This was capped off by LCol Peter St Denis presenting Major (ret) Harry Rollo with The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal after 51 years of service to the QOR and Association.



Harry Rollo receives his Queen's Jubilee medal from LCol Peter St. Denis, MMM, CD.

An outstanding parade was held to celebrate the Change of Honorary Colonel Paul Hughes to new Honorary Colonel Larry Stevenson at MPA. The Colonel and Mrs. Hughes were honoured by the Association and in conjunction with the Regimental Honours and Awards Committee by creating "The Colonel P.F. Hughes and Bev Hughes Award of Excellence." This will be presented

annually at the Regimental Christmas Dinner and all members of the Regiment, Association and Regimental Family will be eligible. We extend our sincere thanks to both Colonel and Mrs. Hughes for their unending support of the Regiment, Association and Regimental Family. We also welcome new Honorary Colonel Larry Stevenson to the regiment and family and wish him success in his new and exciting role.

The Regimental Christmas Dinner was its usual success with many members attending and a special Association of "Rifleman of the Year Award" presented to The Regimental Padre, Captain Dr. John Niles. This was a very deserving award for a man who does so much for the regiment and regimental family and friends. Padre Niles, who provides comfort and peace for so many in times when all seems too overwhelming, routinely does this unselfishly and we are very fortunate to have him as our Padre.

Upcoming events, such as the 2013 AGM in April, will be posted on our new web page so please visit the site at [www.qortorontoassociation.com](http://www.qortorontoassociation.com), and we hope to see you at any of the scheduled events.





## LCol Frank PJ Mulrooney, CD, Ph.D. (1931-2012)

Died peacefully at Trent Valley Lodge shortly after his 81st birthday on December 20th. Lieutenant-Colonel Frank PJ Mulrooney, CD, was the 31st Commanding Officer of 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. As Commanding Officer, he accepted the Freedom of the City of Toronto on behalf of the Regiment from then Mayor William Dennison in April, 1969. He was for many years a member and Director of the Royal Canadian Military Institute, Toronto. His professional career with the Ontario public service spanned three decades. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Ministry of Social Services Board of Review, the first of its kind in Canada. He was its first Executive Secretary, a position he held for well over a decade, retiring from the provincial civil service in 1988. A graduate of St. Michael's Choir School, Frank loved music and played piano daily into his 80s. He proudly attended St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, earning his BA, and after retiring, an MA in English literature. Frank later completed his PhD in English literature at the University of Florida in Tampa, where he maintained a retirement home for many years. He then returned to

Belleville to be near his sister, Joyce. Frank was a life-long runner, a sailor, a strong supporter of many charities and enjoyed having a beer with friends. He will be sadly missed by his sister, Joyce Schwartz, brother-in-law John Hayes (Karen), sister-in-law Vera Mulrooney, nieces and nephews Sandra, Marianne (David), Julianne, John (Heather), Carolyn (Todd), Michael (Karen), Sean, Siobhan and Joe (Caroline), great nephews and nieces including Andrew, Matthew, Braden and Catriona, and many friends in Ontario and Florida. He was predeceased by his sister Barbara Hayes, brother Ray Mulrooney, parents PJ and Beatrice Mulrooney, brother-in-law Frank Schwartz, and nephew Chuck Karklins. In keeping with his lifetime of learning and public service, Frank donated his body to the University of Toronto Medical School. A memorial service and reception will be held beginning at noon, in The Queen's Own Rifles Officers' Mess at Moss Park Armoury, Toronto, on Sunday, 27 January. All welcome. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society or the charity of your choice in Frank's memory would be appreciated.



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