



THE 1860 CLUB

Supporting The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

The Rifles Report

Monthly Update for November 2022

Welcome to the November 2022 edition of *The Rifles Report*, the monthly update for the 1860 Club. The 1860 Club is named after the year the Regiment was founded, and represents over 160 years of sacrifice and service to Canada during times of conflict and peace. The 1860 Club is intended to connect all elements of the QOR of C Regimental Family: the serving Regiment; the Band and Bugles; the Regimental Association and its Branches; the QOR of C (2881) Cadets; the Regimental Museum; The Senate; the Trust Fund, and other supporters of the Regiment.



Commanding Officer's Update

The past month has exemplified that the QOR is the busiest Reserve unit in Canada. October started off with members of Recce platoon travelling to Petawawa for a week to work with 3 RCR's Recce

Platoon. This was followed by Operation Rha, which had a 30-member contingent travel to the Netherlands with the primary objective of conducting a headstone dedication for Lt John G. Kavanagh—who was killed on April 5th, 1945 in Rha while leading his men in battle during the Liberation of the Netherlands. In addition, the contingent visited Arnhem, Groesbeek, Deventer, Apleorn, Moos Hof, Scheldt, Bergen Op Zoom, and Wons.



The trip was a great success, and it was made possible by a donation from former Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Lionel Goffart. Incredible support was also provided by the 42nd Limburgse Jagers, who supplied transportation, meals, and accommodations. Special thanks to Francis Bleeker, who was the driving force for the trip during a two-year delay, and connected us with the 42nd. Event support also was provided by Philip ten Kortenaar and Jansen Ng. Finally, recognition is due to the QOR Trust Fund for their support in managing the funding.



Exercise Maroon Sword 2 was held the weekend of 21-23 October; during this exercise, the unit conducted fighting and Recce patrols in CFB Borden. The following weekend, we completed a static-line parachute descent at CFB Trenton.

In Pace Paratus

LCol Scott Moody, CD
Commanding Officer
The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada



Appointment of Honorary Colonel at Casa Loma

After five years as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, we thank Major-General (Retired) Walter Holmes MStJ, MSM, CD, MBE for his outstanding leadership and service to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. At the same time, we welcome Major-General (Retired) David Fraser, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada! Honorary Colonel Fraser was appointed at a ceremony at Casa Loma on November 5th, 2022.



Honorary Colonel Major-General (Retired) David Fraser, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD is one of Canada's most decorated generals since World War II, and a highly accomplished leader in both the public and private sectors. MGen Fraser was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1980 and subsequently served in various command and staff positions in the PPCLI (Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry) from platoon to Division throughout an illustrious 30-year career. Most notably, MGen Fraser commanded the NATO coalition in Southern Afghanistan—presiding over Operation Medusa, the largest combat engagement of Canadian soldiers since the Korean War.

Welcome, Sir!



Appointment of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel

The Department of National Defense has approved [Ms. Manjit Minhas](#) as the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, effective immediately. Hon LCol Minhas is the co-founder and co-owner of the Minhas Breweries. She is a champion of corporate social responsibility, and shares her entrepreneurial knowledge and expertise as a venture capitalist on Dragons' Den. The official appointment ceremony for HLCol Minhas is due to take place on Sunday, January 22nd, 2023 at Casa Loma. More details to follow.



Remembrance Day Parade

On November 6th, 2022, the Regiment held a Remembrance Day ceremony at the QOR Regimental Cross of Sacrifice at St. Paul's, Bloor Street. On a warm and sunny day, amidst the playing of the Last Post and the call of Rouse, wreaths were laid and several hundred Canadians joined the Regiment in honouring the fallen.

We will remember them.

The following week, 15 members of the QOR participated in the Veterans' Week Speaker Program. They spoke to schools and community groups across the region about the service and sacrifice of past and current Canadian Armed Forces members, and the importance of taking time on Remembrance Day to reflect on their sacrifice. Thank you to the VWSP coordinator, Capt Kevin Junor, and our speakers.



Operation Rha

On October 8th 2022, The Queens Own Rifles of Canada undertook a trip to the Netherlands to honour a fallen unit member who perished in battle during the Second World War. For over three quarters of a century, the remains of Lieutenant John Gordon Kavanagh remained in a grave as an unknown soldier. In 2019, with the assistance of local Dutch historians and the Canadian government, the remains of Lt Kavanagh were finally identified—bringing closure to the family of the last QOR casualty in World War II whose final resting place remained unknown. In honour of Lt Kavanagh's sacrifice, thirty members of the QOR traveled to the Netherlands to dedicate the headstone of our fallen brother, and to give him and his family the respect due to a fallen son of the regiment.

We will remember him.

Capt Joe Bartolo

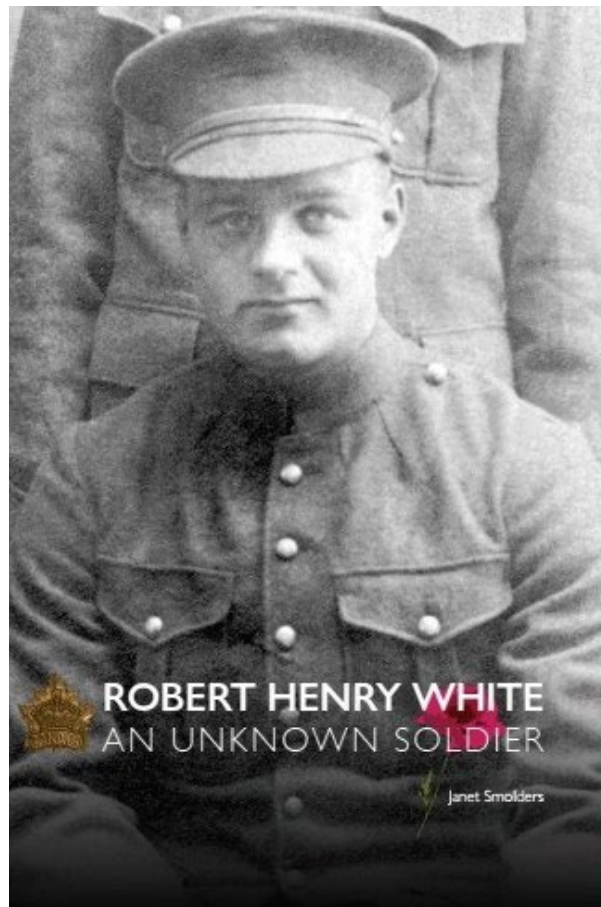
The full article will be published in the upcoming issue of The Powder Horn.



Afghanistan: Bring a Canadian Hero to Canada

Many of you will be aware of the plight of Afghan nationals who risked their lives to work with Canadian soldiers in the Afghanistan war. One such hero is Hajji Abdul Samad Nawabi, who worked with the Canadian Forces from 2006 until 2011. Having narrowly evaded the Taliban earlier this year, Hajji and his family have been promised special immigration status, which has not yet materialized. If you are able, we invite you to help bring this hero and his family to safety. Donations can be made through Wounded Warriors Canada:

<https://woundedwarriorscanada.akaraisin.com/ui/woundedwarriors/p/ee631442707345a7b2995cece357e59d>



Book Recommendation

Robert Henry White: An Unknown Soldier

by Janet Smolders

Dedicated to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, *Robert Henry White: An Unknown Soldier* was written by Janet Smolders about her Great Uncle Bert. Bert was an Irish immigrant to Canada, and a teenager when he joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He made the ultimate sacrifice in the Second Battle of Ypres on April 23rd, 1915 and was one of many whose final resting place was never found. This is his story, so that he will not be "unknown."

We will remember him.

A CELEBRATION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARACHUTE TASKING



1983 - 2023

PARA REUNION

21 JANUARY 2023
1300 HOURS

LOCATION:
SERGEANTS' MESS,
MOSS PARK ARMOURY

DRESS:
SMART CASUAL, JUMP
SMOCKS ENCOURAGED

COST:
\$50 PER GUEST
INCLUSIVE OF FOOD, ONE
DRINK, T-SHIRT, COIN

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Para Reunion

The 40th Anniversary of the Parachute Tasking will be celebrated on January 21st, 2023 in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Ticket includes light food, one beverage, T-shirt, and a commemorative coin and sticker.

Date: January 21st, 2023 at 13:00

Location: Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess (130 Queen St E, Toronto)

Dress: Smart Casual (Jump Smocks encouraged)

Cost: \$50 per Guest

[Registration is now open.](#)



Nijmegen 4 Day Marches 2023

The [Nijmegen 4 Day Marches](#) will be held from 18-21 July 2023 in the town of Nijmegen in the Netherlands.

The 1860 Club intends on fielding a team of 11; the team will pay its own way. Currently, the [Hotel Haarhuis](#) in Arnhem is booked; it is beside the train station in Arnhem and will take you straight into Nijmegen centre in 20 minutes where the starting line is located. The Hotel provides a Nijmegen package with breakfast and dinner. We have 5 Double Rooms and 4 Single Rooms booked with the hope that we can bring a team of 11.

Distance will be 40km per day with a 10kg pack for those under 50. A detailed and highly recommended training package will be provided. Specific event training will start in March 2023.

Estimated Costs

Event registration: Around \$150 CAD

Flights: \$1000-1500

Hotel, Single Occupancy (7 days with Breakfast): \$1300

Double Occupancy (7 days with Breakfast): \$800

Train Costs: Around \$200

Food Costs: Around: \$400

Schedule

15/16 July - Arrival and Registration – Opening Ceremonies – Groesbeek Ceremony

17 July – Preparation Day – Sunset Ceremony

18 July – Day 1

19 July – Day 2

20 July – Day 3

21 July – Day 4

22 July – Recover – Depart

Expressions of interest must be sent to info@1860club.ca by January 31st, 2022.



The QOR Association

Remembrance & Veterans Week was a very busy time for the QORA.

Members of QORA were at QOR Day at Casa Loma for the Appointment of Honorary Colonel to welcome MGen David Fraser. The Association welcomes the new Honorary Colonel to the Regiment and looks forward to working with the new Honorary.

To those that attended the QOR Church Parade on November 6th at St Paul's: Well Done!

Health & Welfare

Wishing former Commanding Officer LCol Ed Rayment all the best as he recovers from a stroke.

Brian Budden

President

Health & Welfare Chairman

QORA (Toronto Branch)



QOR of C Kit Shop

If you are interested in purchasing QOR of C merchandise, you may do so via our online Kit Shop. We now have the ability to issue invoices and accept payment online. We have several new items in stock, including

Stainless Steel Coffee Cups and Water Bottles from canuckcanada.ca.

Please visit the [QOR Kit Shop](#) here.



QORMUSEUM.ORG

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Regimental Museum

QOR Day on November 5th was a success, with over a thousand visitors to the first in-person event since 2019. Our museum photographer, Anne Frazer, has taken some excellent photos which can be viewed on our [Flickr](#) page. Overall organization was supervised by the Museum Curator, CWO (Ret'd) Shaun Kelly, CD with support from the Regiment. Maj (Ret'd) John Stephens will remain Museum Director and Archivist as he continues his recovery. Please visit our website at qormuseum.org for more information, as well as our [YouTube](#) channel!

If you have potential items for our Museum and Archive collection, please [read this page and complete the online form](#), or contact us at museum@qormuseum.org.

Watch and Shoot (Upcoming Events)

December 7

[Soldiers' Holiday Dinner](#)

Moss Park Armoury

December 10

[Officers' Mess Holiday Luncheon](#)

Moss Park Armoury

December 11

[QOR Kids Holiday Party](#)

Moss Park Armoury

January 21

[40th Anniversary of the QOR Para Tasking](#)

Sergeants' Mess, Moss Park Armoury

January 22

[Appointment of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel](#)

Casa Loma

February 4

[Sergeants' Mess Wine & Cheese](#)

Moss Park Armoury

February 11

Toronto Garrison Officers' Ball

Beanfield Centre

Trust Fund and Fundraising Update

Since the launch of the 1860 Club, our members have donated over \$150,000 to support The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generosity, and recognize the following members:

Normandy 1944 Donors

Over \$186,000 in lifetime contributions

HLCol Lionel Goffart, OStJ, CD
Col Paul F Hughes, CD (Ret'd)

Vimy 1917 Donors

Over \$18,600 in lifetime contributions

Capt (Ret'd) Bernie Aaron
HLCol (Ret'd) Brendan Caldwell
Lt J. Chris Donald
Mr. Bryan Gransden
Capt (Ret'd) Adam Hermant, OStJ, CD
Hermant Family Foundation
HCol Larry Stevenson, CD
LCol (Ret'd) John Strathy, CD
WO (Ret'd) Philip ten Kortenaar, CD
True Patriot Love Foundation

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Col (Ret'd) William Ball—US Army
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Mr. Hans G. Bathija
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WO Jason Bridge, CD
Hon Col Bryan Brulotte, KJ, CD
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2Lt Martin Bunch
LCol (Ret'd) Greg Burton, CD
HLCol (Ret'd) Brendan Caldwell
Ms. Dara Carpenter
Maj (Ret'd) Allan Champion, CD
Capt (Ret'd) Robert Chan, CD and Ms. Annie Li
Mr. Michael Chisholm
Lt Ricardo Chiu, CD
Maj Daniel Copeland, CD
MWO Adam de Bartok, MMM, CD
Ms. Linda Di Felice
Lt J. Chris Donald
WO (Ret'd) Bob Dunk, CD
Lt Brandon Filatow
LCol (Ret'd) John Fotheringham, CD

Capt T.L. (Tom) Foulds, CD
2Lt Juron Grant-Kinnear
MCpl Robert Grieve
Cpl Lee Harrison, CD
Capt (Ret'd) Adam Hermant, OSTJ, CD
Hermant Family Foundation
Mr. Winston Hewlin
WO David Hodgson, CD
MGen (Ret'd) Walter Holmes, MStJ, MSM, CD, MBE
Ms. Lana Holmes
Capt Ted Howard
Padre (Ret'd) John Howie, CD
Col (Ret'd) Paul F Hughes CD
Jackman Foundation
CWO Jeff Johnson, CD
CWO (Ret'd) Shaun Kelly, CD
WO Inasio Kim, CD and Ms. Lorena Kim
2Lt Matthew Kocal
LCol Frank Lamie, CD
MWO Darnel Leader, CD
Maj Samuel Leibel, CD
Capt Ben-Jaemin Lee, CD
Capt Roland Llewellyn-Thomas, CD
Mr. James Lutz
Capt (Ret'd) Brian MacDonald
Maj Henry McCabe, MMM, CD (Ret'd)
Ms. Michele McCarthy
Ms. Jenna Zuschlag Misener
Lt David Merrithew
Mr. Nick Migliore
LCol Scott Moody, CD
CWO (Ret'd) John O'Connor, CD
Mr. Carmine Nigro
Mr. Jansen Ng
Capt David Pampe, CD
2Lt Weng Pan
Dr. Dylan Pannell, CD
Mr. Keith Perera
Lt Marco Petta
Cpl Sharl Robinson
Maj (Ret'd) Adam Saunders, CD
Mr. Eric Schneider
Maj (Ret'd) Anthony Schultz, CD
CWO Mark Shannon, MMM, CD
MGen (Ret'd) John Sharpe, CMM, CD
Capt Kevin Sheedy, CD
LCol Peter St. Denis, MSC, CD
Maj (Ret'd) John Stephens, CD
Mr. Tristan Strathy
WO (Ret'd) Philip ten Kortenaar, CD
Dr. Lynn Tomkins
Capt (Ret'd) Usman (Uzi) Valiante
Mr. Jeffrey Wallace
LCol (Ret'd) Tony Welsh, CD
LCol (Ret'd) Rob Zeidler, MStJ, CD

For more information on supporting the Trust Fund, please [click here](#). For any additional questions, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).

Online Links

The QOR of C Regimental Association

Information about The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association Branches can be found at:

Toronto Branch — <https://www.facebook.com/qortorontoassociation>

East Coast Branch — <https://www.qor-east.com>

Calgary Branch — <https://www.qorcalgary.com>

Vancouver Island Branch — <https://www.qorvi.com>

The Rifleman Magazine (Annual Journal of the QOR of C) — <https://fliphtml5.com/insrc/jjni>

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Regimental Museum — <https://qormuseum.org>

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Website — <https://www.queensownrifles.com>

Kit Shop — <https://sites.google.com/view/qorkitshop>

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