

THE POWDER HORN

Monthly Newsletter

October 2023



COMMAND TEAM UPDATE

The first weeks of the Fall season has seen a high operational tempo for members of the Regiment.

No sooner had the unit concluded the first exercise of the training year, before the sub-units dove into preparations for Exercise MAROON SWORD 2. Officers and NCOs alike were challenged by the nature of the objective, which was trench-clearing. Many senior personnel had not conducted such operations in over a decade, but contemporary experiences in Eastern Europe have shown the necessity to be proficient in close-quarter combat in a fortified area. Over the course of a wet and frigid weekend in Petawawa, members of 60th Company – supported by Normandy Company – assaulted trenches and strongpoints, gaining valuable experience.



This month also saw the Command Team and members of the Band attend a memorial luncheon for the late Col Paul Hughes, CD. It was a well-attended and poignant event, where past and present members paid their respects and shared stories among his family and close friends.

The unit bid farewell to several more Riflemen, bound for theatres in the Middle East as part of Operation IMPACT. At the time of this writing, eleven members are now serving abroad. A support system for deployed personnel and their families is being stood-up, as the pace and volume of those volunteering for expeditionary operations is forecast to continue increasing over the next few months.



Finally, we were privileged to end the month of October on an extremely positive note. Two members of the unit, Cpl Balint and Rfn Abbas, successfully completed their Basic Parachutist qualification in Trenton, while MCpl Divito demonstrated his excellence by becoming certified as the latest Jumpmaster within The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

AIRBORNE!

In Pace Paratus

Chris Boileau

Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Officer

Justin Thorn

Chief Warrant Officer
Regimental Sergeant Major



APPOINTMENT OF RSM: CWO JEFF JOHNSTON, CD

Congratulations to CWO Jeff Johnston, who was appointed Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (RHLI) on October 24th. Members of the Regiment, including current RSM Justin Thorn, former RSM Mark Shannon, QOR Association members, and Honorary Colonel MGen (Ret'd) David Fraser attended the ceremony at the John Weir Foote Armoury in Hamilton. Prior to his appointment as RSM of the RHLI, CWO Johnston served as the RSM of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada in a career spanning over three decades.



REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

Sunday, November 5th

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada will be conducting their Annual Remembrance Day Parade at St Paul's, Bloor Street (227 Bloor St E) on Sunday, November 5th, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Members of the public are invited to watch along the parade route as the regiment departs from Moss Park Armoury, heading north on Church St from Shuter St to Bloor St, and then east on Bloor St. A Commemorative Ceremony will then be conducted in front of the Regimental Cross of Sacrifice at St Paul's Bloor St. During the ceremony, blank ammunition may be discharged as a salute to the regiment's Fallen. Following the ceremony, the regiment will return to Moss Park Armoury via Jarvis St.



QOR DAY AT CASA LOMA

Saturday, November 4th

A great family day event which showcases the long and dedicated military heritage of the QOR and the Regiment of today!

- Soldiers from the Regiment in various uniforms that our members wear
- Displays with unit equipment
- Re-enactors in uniforms with equipment representing various periods
- Remembrance Day crafts for children
- Vintage Signals Team exhibits
- Temporary QOR Badge tattoo
- Performances from the Regimental Band

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Regimental Museum program is included in your Casa Loma admission fee. You can also find directions and information on parking on the Casa Loma website.

Free Admission for serving soldiers, veterans, former members, and cadets in uniform and their guests.

[More information about QOR Day at Casa Loma.](#)



QOR ASSOCIATION: REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

Good Day QOR Association Members,

I have been communicating with the RSM regarding the QOR Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday, November 5th.

As per other years, the QOR Association will form up by 10:20 am on Hayden Street (on Church, first street south of Bloor).

Once the Battalion has gone by we will form up behind the Bn and march along Bloor Street and once in position we will form a single file and march behind the Cross of Sacrifice. We will then fall under the command of the CO

Dress for the Parade: QOR Regimental Blazer/Medals & Headdress.

CWO (Ret'd) Brian Budden, CD
President & Health & Welfare Chairman
QORA (Toronto Branch)



QOR OF C HOCKEY TEAM

Each year, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Hockey Team plays in a variety of games against teams from other regiments, ranging from exhibition games to tournaments. There are two major tournaments that the team participates in: The Ranger Cup in Toronto and the Sergeant Rick Foldeak Memorial Hockey Tournament in Brockville. There is a push to play more hockey in the Regiment as we grow in strength, and the QOR Hockey Team is an excellent way to build camaraderie, teamwork, and physical fitness.

The QOR Hockey Team is also seeking sponsors and donors to cover the cost of jerseys, ice time, and equipment. If you would like to support the Hockey Team, please contact us at info@1860club.ca.



QORMUSEUM.ORG

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Regimental Museum

QOR DAY AT CASA LOMA

QOR Regular Force Service Survey

The QOR Museum does not hold service records for those that served in the Cold War era, Regular Force Battalions and Depot; but does hold many other records and photographs from

that period. We would like to collect as much information about those that served which we'll include in our Collections Management Database.

This database includes all the objects, photographs and archival records in our museum and allows us to "tag" these items to specific people. For example, if we have a group photograph with the names listed below, we tag the record with the names of those people. The People section of our database then allows you to look up a person to see all the items connected to them, and other basic information we might have on them - such as when and where they served. There are currently over 4,700 records in our [People section](#). You can check out this page to see how this works.

NOTE: [RIFLEMEN](#) If we already have a profile on our website for you here, it is not necessary to complete this form unless you have additional information to add or correct.

This information will be publicly accessible with few exceptions. The information you provide is optional, that said, we'd very much appreciate if you could provide us with as much info as you are comfortable with.

By completing this survey, you give permission to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Regimental Museum and Archive to record and make available your responses in our Collection Management System including the Public Access module.

If you have any questions regarding this request, you can email me at museum@qormuseum.org

Thank you in advance for helping us with this project!

[Click HERE](#) to complete the survey which should only take a few minutes.

Major (Ret'd) John M. Stephens, CD
QOR Museum Director



You can find more information – as well as a [Volunteer](#) application form – on our museum [website](#). Please visit our [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#) page for the latest content.

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.



QOR ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Warrior's Day Parade

At this years' Warrior's Day Parade, The Queens Own Rifles of Canada Association Marching Unit won the Canon Scott Trophy (3rd Place) for Marching Formation of 15 or less persons.

Below: Presentation by Mark Stephens to Brian Budden & Padre John Howie



The Association has made a donation to Operation Raise a Flag with Sunnybrook Hospital. The hospital has a goal of planting 30,000 flags (1 per donation) in honour of the veterans who call Sunnybrook home.

Finally, in support of Exercise Maroon Sword II (22-24 Oct 2023), the Association provided a catered meal to the troops to conclude the exercise.

In Pace Paratus

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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 merchandise from the Airborne Reunion.

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

WATCH AND SHOOT (UPCOMING EVENTS)

November 4, 2023

QOR Day at Casa Loma

November 5, 2023

Church Parade (St. Paul's Bloor Street)

December 6, 2023
Rifleman Awards Dinner

December 10, 2023
Officers' Mess Luncheon

For more events, please consult the [calendar of events](#).

Soldiers' Aid Commission


Offering financial help for Ontario's Veterans and their families

Apply for up to \$2,000 a year for costs related to essential expenses that may include housing, securing employment and health and safety items.

To apply, contact either:

- **Royal Canadian Legion:** on.legion.ca
- **Veterans Affairs Canada:** veterans.gc.ca

For more information visit ontario.ca/SoldiersAid or call 416-327-4674.

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TRUST FUND AND FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Since the launch of the 1860 Club, our members have donated over \$300,000 to support The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Trust Fund and various Regimental initiatives. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generosity and support. [The full list of Founders can be viewed here.](#)

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

More 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/ryzm>

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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