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The INTERCOM is the RMR family's newsletter, which originally started as "The Bugler" in 1914 on the troopship carrying the 14th Bn (RMR) overseas. Censorship quickly squashed the initiative, but the RMR tried again in 1916 with "The Growler" (which was also squashed!).

In WW2 the RMR had two battalions, one overseas from 1939-45, and a second 'Home' unit stationed in Westmount. In an effort to boost morale and keep the lines of communication open between the two battalions, the "Intercomn" ("n" intentional) was born.

The current "Intercom" (the masthead is from the the 1950's) is published monthly and is intended to keep the friends & family of the Regiment up to speed with the accomplishments of the current serving members of the Regiment and all affiliated organizations.



In honour of International Women's Day the RMR Foundation is publishing profiles of service of some of the women who have served in our ranks.

Greetings,

I am not going to dwell on the war in Ukraine, except to express my own personal shock and disgust over the naked aggression on the part of Vladimir Putin. It is heartening to see how hard the Ukrainians are fighting back and I encourage everyone to do what they can to help them. Over the past few years several RMR's have served there as part of Operation UNIFIER and you can read about their experiences [here on the RMR website](#).

On happier news, the publication of this month's Intercom was delayed to coincide with [International Women's Day](#), and to use the opportunity to highlight a few of the remarkable women who have served and who continue to serve in the Regiment. I encourage you to read each of their stories as they are individual profiles of strength that have one common thread running through all of them: leadership. Every woman featured in the stories below is a strong leader, either in uniform, in their civilian career, in the volunteering they do in the community, or "all of the above". Thank you to all who participated, and if anyone would like to participate in the future, please contact me at info@royalmontrealregiment.com.

Please take a moment to read this selection of the accomplishments & news of the RMR Family over the past month that are shown below. As well, please take a few moments to think of or utter a prayer for deployed RMR members and those of our extended regimental family who are battling illness or disease.

On behalf of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel David Bensadoun, the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief-Warrant Officer Stephan Leroux, please accept our continued best wishes.

Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.



LCol (ret'd) Colin Robinson, CD
Honorary Colonel
The Royal Montreal Regiment

International Women's Day



IWD Profile of Service: MCpl Tess Pellow

Westmount, Quebec – 08 March 2022: Master-Corporal Tess Pellow joined the RMR in 2016 and is currently serving as a Section Commander in “B” Company, the RMR’s operational rifle company. Aside from her Infantry trade and leadership training, she is a qualified Harassment advisor, Medium Support Vehicle System (MSVS) Operator, and FORCE test Evaluator. The FORCE Evaluation is a reflection of the CAF minimal physical employment standard related to common defence and security duties known as the Universality of Service principle.

[Read the full story and see pictures here](#)

IWD Profile of Service: Sergeant (ret'd) Fabiola Camille, CD.

Sergeant (ret'd) Fabiola Camille, CD joined the RMR in 1995 and retired in 2017, where she had served as the Chief Clerk. Until a constitutional change was made by the Canadian government to respect the Charter of Human Rights, women were prohibited from serving in combat roles in the Canadian Armed Forces until the end



of the 1980's. It was not until 1995 that Sergeant Fabiola Camille would become officially qualified as the first female infantry soldier in The Royal Montreal Regiment. She set a standard followed by many women since.

[Read the full story and see more pictures here.](#)



IWD Profile of Service: Corporal Cailun Tanney

“Joining the reserves was one of the best decisions I’ve made, I’m grateful for the opportunities it’s given me.” Powerful words from Corporal Cailun Tanney who was raised in Borden/Belleville, Ontario. She is currently serving in the RMR’s Battalion Orderly Room as a Human Resource Administrator (HRA), providing administrative and general human resources support to all military activities. When not in uniform she is a MSc student at McGill University, studying novel methods to optimize cannabis development, definitely an industry that has a lot of potential in the future!

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IWD Profile of Service: Warrant Officer (ret'd) Sue Guerin, CD.



Warrant Officer (ret'd) Suzanne Guerin, CD., grew up in Pointe St. Charles and joined the RMR in 1979, serving until 1998. In her life outside the RMR she works as a Material Engineering Specialist for VIA Rail, and resides in St-Lazare, Quebec. Comrade Sue Guerin is the President of the RMR Association (Branch 14) of the Royal Canadian Legion, a demanding volunteer position that she has held for several years.

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IWD Profile of Service: Sergeant Brigitte O'Driscoll

Sergeant Brigitte O'Driscoll joined the RMR in January 2013 and is currently serving as a Section Commander in "B" Company, the RMR's operational rifle company. Aside from her Infantry trade and leadership training, Sergeant O'Driscoll has military qualifications in Small Arms, Tactical Aviation Door Gunner, Heavy Machine Gunner (.50 cal), All Terrain Vehicle and snowmobile operator, Army Communication and Information Systems (ATCIS) Operator, and more.

Raised in Lachine and currently residing in Hudson, Quebec, Sergeant O'Driscoll is currently a Firefighter with the Hudson Fire Department. When asked what she liked the most about being a member of the RMR, Sergeant O'Driscoll responded by saying *"The challenges as well as the friendships. No other job will push you as much as the infantry. As well, the friendships that I've made and the people that I've had the opportunity to work with have only made me a better person. I've had some great leaders who've inspired me to be the best version of myself and I hope that I can continue to inspire the younger generation. There's always so much to learn from the people around you if you're willing to do so."*

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IWD Profile of Service: Captain Julie Pagé, CD.

Captain Julie Pagé, CD joined the Fusiliers Mont-Royal in 1992 and was posted to serve with the RMR as part of an exchange program established in the late 1990's by the RMR's then Commanding Officer, Colonel George Petrolekas, MSM, CD. She served in the RMR as the Operations Officer from September 2000 to August 2001.

When asked what she liked the most about her short time serving in the RMR, she stated emphatically *"It's been 20 years and I am still considered family."*

When asked what she likes the least about serving in the RMR, Captain Pagé charmingly said that it was *"too short of a stay!"*. Her advice to young soldiers in the Regiment is *"Be professional, be a team player, help others, report injustice and any inappropriate behaviour, whatever their nature."*

[Read the full story and see more pictures here.](#)

About the RMR Foundation



The RMR Foundation is a non-profit incorporated body with charitable status, designed to *"Serve the best interests of The Royal Montreal Regiment and accept such tasks designated by the Trustees to help any member body of the Regimental Family."* Donations help with providing emergency financial assistance to RMR soldiers identified by the chain of command, and providing relief to veterans of the RMR.

Beyond direct veteran support, the RMR Foundation provides assistance for the needs of the RMR family, advises on request, the CO of the RMR or any of its affiliated units, promotes the role of the Reserve Forces within the Canadian Armed Forces and the Regiment's affiliated municipalities, lobbies for the promotion of a more effective Canadian Defence Force, funds the operation of the RMR Museum's annual exhibitions, and supports the *Je Me Souviens* education program providing free materials to supplement Quebec's curriculum.

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