



CANADA 150
1867-2017

Happy 150th birthday, Canada!

As part of the Canada Day 2017 celebrations, the government of Canada held 55 special citizenship ceremonies across Canada, including one in Westmount that the RMR was invited to participate in. The ceremony welcomed new citizens and highlighted the rights and responsibilities of Canadian citizens, emphasizing our heritage as a constitutional monarchy and parliamentary democracy. The RMR provided a flag party, Corporals Lafrance and Ruscito, who opened and closed the ceremony in a dignified fashion by marching in the Canadian and Quebec flags. Their professionalism and precision duly impressed the audience who were on hand to witness 40 people from 19 countries get sworn in as new Canadians.

The individual training cycle of the summer is kicking into high gear, which means there will be RMR's and RMR cadets training in camps all across Canada this summer. We will post updates as they come available.

Please take a moment to read this selection of the accomplishments 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 who are battling illness or disease.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Regimental Smoker to be held on 02 September 2017 - I will be smoking up some nice surprises again this year.

On behalf of Honorary Colonel Andrew Molson, and the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone, please accept our continued best wishes for a safe and successful summer - enjoy the sunshine whenever it comes out.

Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.

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

RMR celebrates Canada 150

Welcomes new Canadian citizens

Westmount, Quebec - 01 July 2017: In a fitting way to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada's founding, the RMR participated in a Canadian citizenship ceremony held at the Westmount Recreation Centre. Presided over by Judge Johnson, the ceremony included dignitaries such as the MNA for Westmount-Saint Louis, Jacques Chagnon, the Mayor of Westmount, Christina Smith, and the RMR's Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, Colin Robinson.



[Read the full story here.](#)

RMR at Hampstead Day

Good times had by all!

Hampstead, Quebec - 11 June 2017: The Royal Montreal Regiment participated in the Hampstead Day held at Hampstead Park on a sunny Sunday. RMR soldiers in combat uniform showed off equipment, rations, radios, etc. and competed for the crowd's attention in the face of photobooths, rock climbing walls, inflatables, archery, roaming mascots, etc.



[Read about the day here](#)

Regimental Smoker: 02 Sept 2017

Saturday 02 September 2017

Westmount, Quebec - 29 May 2017: Comrade Sue Guerin, President of the RMR Association (Br. 14) announced today that the RMR Association will be hosting another Reunion 'Smoker' for all Regimental Family members and Friends of the Regiment at the Canadian Forces Sailing Association in Dorval on Saturday 02 September 2017.

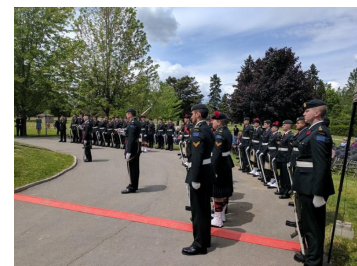


[Learn more about the 'Smoker' here](#)

Field of Honour parade

RMR Association & Soldiers meet Minister

Pointe-Claire, Quebec - 06 June 2017: The RMR commanded the guard of honour at the annual Field of Honour ceremony in Pointe-Claire, which was presided over by the Minister of Defence, the Honourable Harjit Singh Sajjan.



The RMR Association was also out in support of the event.

"May God bring this war to a speedy end - this is an awful life"

DUVAL DIARY: WITNESSING THE WAR 100 YEARS ON

The quote is from Private Raymond Duval's diary entry precisely 100 years ago (02 July 1917). The RMR Foundation is working to keep alive the memory of those who served during the First World War and is publishing the daily diary of an eye-witness from the RMR: Private Raymond Duval, MM. In the space of a month readers have witnessed Duval's enthusiasm for war diminish rapidly.

[Read about Private Duval and his diary here.](#)

[Read the daily diary entries here.](#)



Profile of Service: Cpl Grigoriev

Winner of the 2017 McKean Trophy

Westmount, Quebec - 11 June 2017: The Royal Montreal Regiment is pleased to announce that Corporal Alexei Grigoriev has earned the Captain G.B. McKean Trophy for being deemed as the RMR's best soldier in the 2016-17 training year. This award is only given to the most deserving soldier who displayed the best attendance, technical ability, leadership potential, relations with peers and superiors, dress, and the extent to which he/she embodies the Regimental spirit.

Read the article [here](#).



RIP: Major (ret'd) Anderson, CD

JAMES (JIM) WALTER ANDERSON, CD

Westmount, Quebec - 23 June 2017: The Royal Montreal Regiment regrets to announce the death of Major (ret'd) James (Jim) Walter Anderson, CD (March 15, 1930 - June 17, 2017). Jim passed away unexpectedly and peacefully in the comfort of his bed at home in Ottawa. Jim was born in Old Orchard, NDG to Hazel Middlemiss and Maj Walter Anderson. He met the love of his life, Edna Dare, at a dance at the Black Watch Armoury. They were married 61 years and happily raised 5 children.

[Read about Major Anderson's life here.](#)

