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RMR troops posing with their survival skills instructor on Ex BRASS MONKEY 2020.

The INTERCOM

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 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" 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.

Greetings,

Congratulations to Chief Warrant Officer Leroux who was promoted to his present rank on 21 January 2020. It is a significant milestone in any NCO's career and I wish him all the best in his continuing mandate as RSM of the RMR.

On 22 February 2020 the WO's & Sgts' Mess will be hosting an intimate concert to raise funds and awareness for Guitars for Vets, a program that matches veterans and still-serving members with PTSD or other service related disabilities with a gently used guitar and online lessons / volunteer lessons where available. I encourage everyone who can make it to please do so, and if you're unable to attend but would still like to donate, just make an [online donation to the RMR Foundation](#) and specify "Guitar for Vets" in the message section, and we will ensure your donation gets to them.

Also in February, all four of the RMR's affiliated cadet units will be getting together for leadership development day followed by a ceremonial dinner and then a social dance for their senior cadets. This is the first time that all have collaborated since # 588 Squadron joined the RMR family in the autumn of 2019 - looking forward to hearing how it turns out!

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 Regiment's 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin Robinson', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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



Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone promoting Chief Warrant Officer Stephan Leroux. Photo credit: Adjutant René Doucet.

RSM Leroux promoted to Chief Warrant Officer

Westmount, Quebec - 22 January 2020: In a short ceremony held on CO's parade last night, the RMR's Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief Warrant Officer Stephan Leroux was promoted to his current rank.

[Read more here](#)

Coming Home to You
what it's like to go to war

Concert announcement: 22 February 2020

Proceeds go to Guitar for Vets Quebec

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[Read the full article and order tickets here](#)



Corporal Yeung receiving his certificate from Vanessa Michaud, museologist.

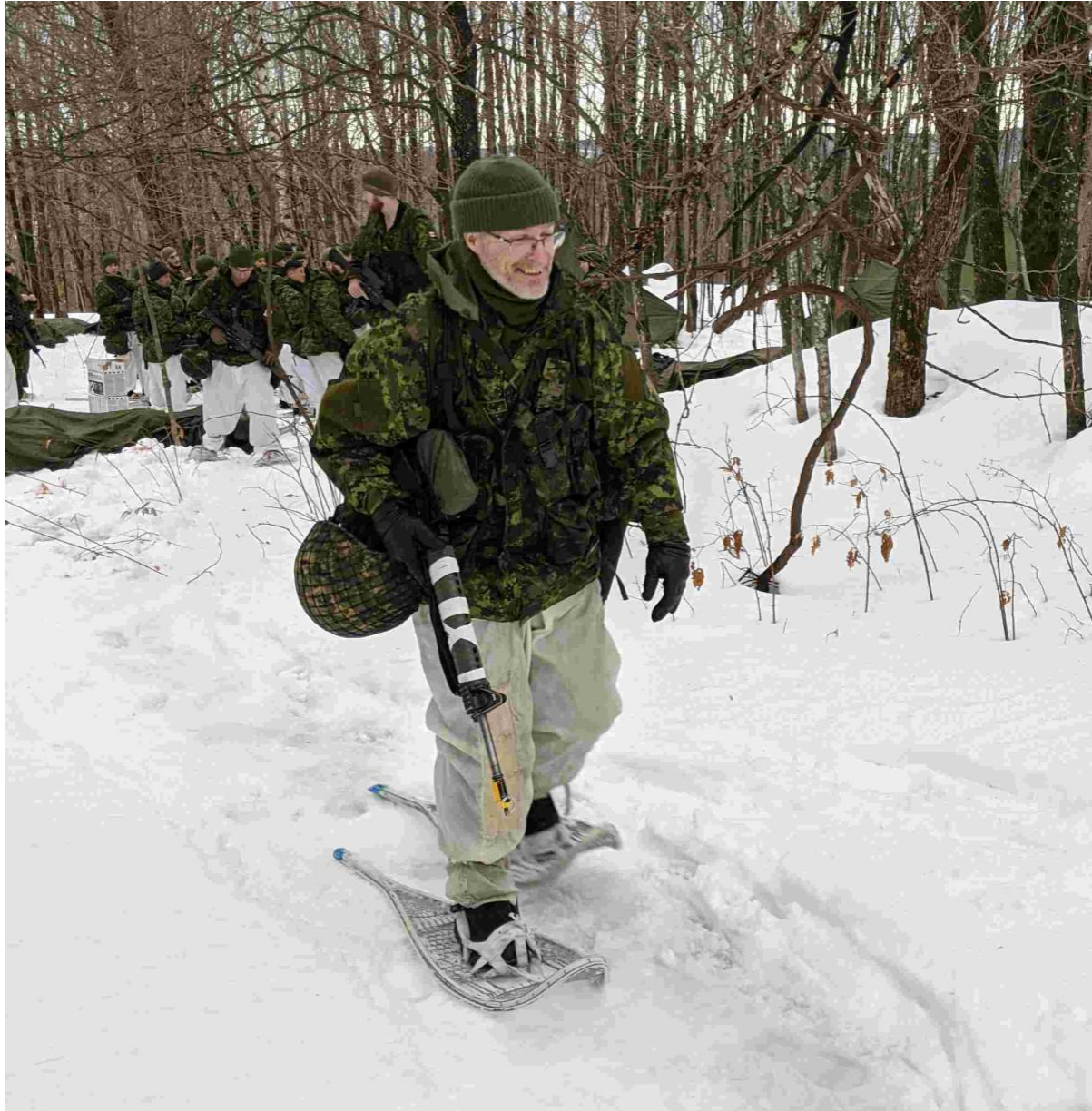
New RMR Museum exhibition launched

25 October - 10 November 2019

Westmount, Quebec - 29 January 2020: Last night, the RMR Museum staff awarded its Visitor of the

Year Certificate. Congratulations to Cpl Hunter Yeung, who not only comes by and visits us whenever he has the chance, but also offers his help and gets involved in every new museum project. Cpl Yeung, we value your input greatly and we hope to see even more of you in 2020!

[Read more here](#)



WO Quesnel, CSM B Coy, heading out to demonstrate effective camouflage.

Ex BRASS MONKEY 2020

Survival training held on civilian land

Westmount, Quebec - 13 January 2020: Soldiers from the RMR spent the weekend on private land belonging to Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel David Bensadoun in Potton, Quebec learning winter survival & warfare skills. Troops deployed on Friday night, arriving close to midnight and then marching to their hides where they set up their 10-man tents and established their night routines.

In the morning the troops were taught how the basics of winter survival by a former NCO of the Regiment, Sergeant (ret'd) Nick Karkasoulis and his son Tassos. He led them in siting & constructing a sturdy improvised shelter, various camp fire methods, setting snares, skinning animals, and cooking over a campfire.

Spirits were high despite the nasty weather (lots of rain), and the troops were exemplary in their discipline. Sadly for all fans of mid-80's rap, no actual monkeys - funky or otherwise - were seen during

the exercise...

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



As per tradition, the CO exchanges jackets with the youngest soldier, Private Lafortune, who becomes "CO for the day"

HONORARY COLONEL'S CHRISTMAS DINNER 2019

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY SECOND-LIEUTENANT CAMILLE BUGEL

Westmount, Quebec - 12 January 2020: On December 14th, RMR members were starting a special day at 0630 by going to the Westmount Arena. It was the Regiment's Christmas dinner that was kicked off with the traditional hockey game with officers and NCOs playing against the junior ranks. The hockey game was pretty challenging for officers and NCOs and they lost against the jr. ranks but the effort that both teams put into game was great for the spectators.

[Read more about the campaign here](#)

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