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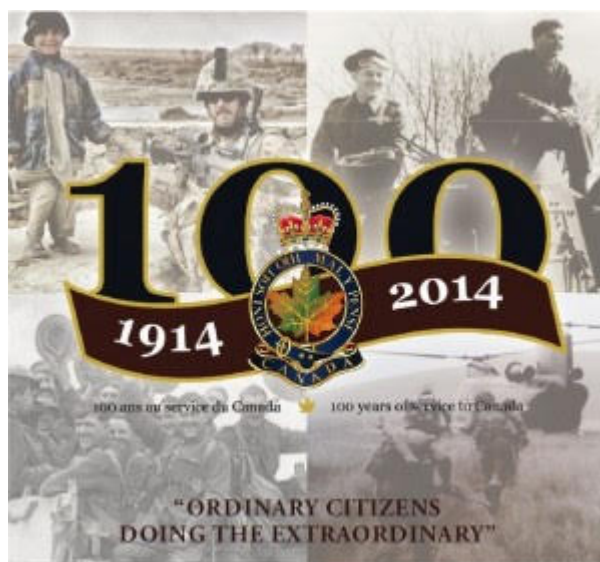
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Gala Tickets Selling Fast!

The RMR Foundation launched ticket sales online for their Centennial gala ball which will be held on Saturday 01 November 2014 at the RMR's Armoury on Ste-Catherine Street West. The guest of honour is Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard. All former members are encouraged to attend, and the event is open to all members of the general public.

Half of the tickets have sold already, order yours soon!

Tickets can be purchased **online** or by mailing a cheque to:

RMR Foundation: 4625 Ste-Catherine Street West, Westmount, QC H3Z 1S4

Ticket pricing & links to purchase are below.

- \$125 for **Serving Military or Veterans** (additional discount for current serving RMR's)
- \$250 for **Regular**
- \$500 for **VIP**

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"This Day in RMR History" - now DAILY!

As part of the Regiment's Centennial activities, the RMR Foundation will be publishing a series of "This Day in RMR History" stories to highlight the activities of the RMR 100 years ago.

Additional significant anniversaries will be added in as well, like the 70th anniversary of the battle for the Leopold Canal in October, for example. All the entries will be posted to the RMR Facebook and Twitter account pages.

"This Day in RMR History" is researched and written by Captain (ret'd) Hamilton Slessor, a former RMR officer. There will be a series of contextual posts to explain the lead-up to war - check back DAILY for updates!

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RMR Association launches website



Westmount - 04 August 2014, Branch 14 (RMR Association) of The Royal Canadian Legion has **launched a website** to better communicate with its members and extend its reach to the greater community at large. A beautifully designed site, it was put together by the Branch's Public Relations Officer, **Comrade Andrew Ross**.

Of particular note was the latest edition of "**The Red Beret**", the official newsletter of the RMR Association, which can be **[read here](#)**.

Congratulations to Comrade Ross for his excellent work!

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RMR Centennial Reunion a Success



Dorval, 23 August 2014 - On a beautiful sunny day several generations of the RMR Family gathered together to mark the 100th anniversary of the Regiment's founding. Held at the picturesque Pointe Picard location of the Canadian Forces Sailing Association (CFSA), the Commodore welcomed the Regiment to his facilities during a short ceremony held at noon where both the Canadian flag and the RMR Camp Flag were hoisted. Accompanied by the music of the Air Force band, the assembled crowd sung Oh Canada and listened to the playing of the RMR's march past, Ca Ira.

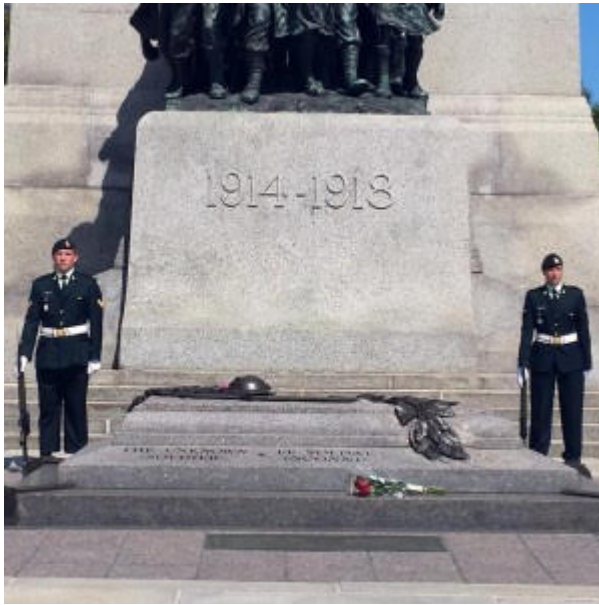
Members of the RMR Association ran a BBQ where everyone got to enjoy sausages & hotdogs cooked to perfection over a charcoal grill, and CFSA club members kindly volunteered to take visitors out on the lake for a tour in sail boats. There were canoes & kayaks available for use as well, and several visitors took advantage of the opportunity.

More than 60 years of chronological service was represented by the RMR's at the reunion, with one member having joined the Regiment in the early 1950's, others having joined this year, and every point in between!

Tremendous thanks to LCol (ret'd) Toby Glickman for organizing the successful reunion, and special thanks to the Comrades from the RMR Association who helped so much to make it a great day for all who attended: Sue Guerin, Tom Stibernik, and Bill Thibault.

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RMR's Guarding Canada's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Ottawa, 15 August 2014 - Corporal Benjamin Gancz and Private Brigitte O'Driscoll from the RMR have the honour of standing guard for Canada's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa this month. The Tomb is located on the upper plaza of the National War Memorial, in Confederation Square, at the corner of Elgin Street on Confederation Boulevard, in Ottawa, Ontario. If you are in Ottawa, please stop by and visit with them.

In May 2000, the remains of an unidentified Canadian soldier who died in the First World War were repatriated from France and, with great ceremony, were buried in a special tomb in front of the National War Memorial in Ottawa.

This project began several years ago at the instigation of The Royal Canadian Legion, who developed the idea as a Millennium project, and it was taken up by the Canadian Government under the lead of Veterans Affairs Canada.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was created to honour the more than 116,000 Canadians who sacrificed their lives in the cause of peace and freedom. Furthermore, the Unknown Soldier represents all Canadians, whether they be navy, army, air force or merchant marine, who died or may die for their country in all conflicts - past, present, and future.

Veterans Affairs has prepared an excellent [Frequently Asked Questions](#) with regards to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

SOURCE : <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canada/tomb-unknown-soldier>

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RMR Museum Acquires 81 mm Mortar

Westmount, 19 August 2014 - The **RMR Museum** has acquired an important piece of the RMR's recent history: an 81 mm mortar. The RMR had been tasked with providing soldiers to the Quebec Area's composite mortar platoon in the 1990's and quite a number of the Regiment's soldiers were qualified on the weapon.

The donation of the 81 mm mortar was arranged through the RMR Association's own Comrade Steve Gregory, and it comes from the members of the **3rd Montreal Field Battery of Artillery (3 BAM)**, a volunteer organization affiliated to the **2nd Montreal Field Artillery Regiment** on Cote-des-Neiges.

3 BAM is dedicated to supporting Cadets and honoring our Canadian Armed Forces war veterans. With their WWII 25 pounder artillery gun, limber (ammunition carrier) and gun tractor we support a number of ceremonial and training events. The artillery gun, deployed for ceremonial salutes and military parades, further serves as an impressive "rolling museum" as it provides a tangible link to the past and provides citizens with an opportunity to connect with a piece of military history.

It is most fitting that this donation comes from the Artillery, for if there has been one thing that the RMR has always been able to rely on during its 100 years of service, it is the Guns!

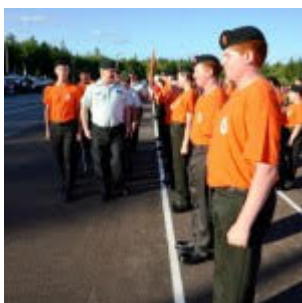
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RMR Cadets Training at Camp Argonaut



Pointe-Claire, 07 August 2014 - Cadets from the RMR's Pointe-Claire Cadet Corps (# 2806) have been enjoying a successful summer at Camp Argonaut (attached to CFG Gagetown) in New Brunswick. Shown in scarlets serving as part of a Quarter Guard is C/Sergeant Kevin Doughty (pictured second from left).

C/Corporal Cole Edwards was selected to serve as the "Cadet OCdt" for the parade, and is shown inspecting the parade with the reviewing officer. Another RMR cadet on parade shown as the left marker is C/Corporal Hood. Nice to see such a good turnout from our Cadets - bravo!



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RIP: Comrade Don Caissie

Westmount, 05 August 14 – RMR Association (Branch 14) of the Royal Canadian Legion regrets to announce the death of Comrade Don Caissie yesterday at Ridge Meadows, British Columbia.

Pre-deceased by his parents, Romeo and Audrey, he is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Karen, sons Christopher (Natasha), Michael, sister Joanne (Doug), grandchildren Logan, Anastasia and Ryder, as well as extended family. Don served with the RMR from 1969 - 74, and as a long-time member of the Maple Ridge branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, he has steadfastly insisted in wearing his RMR colours.... Cherry beret, RMR badge & RMR tie ever since he joined them.

Visitation, Friday August 8, 2014 from 7-9 PM with service on August 9, 2014 at 1:00 PM at Maple Ridge Funeral Chapel, 11969-216th St, Maple Ridge BC, reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers donations to the cancer agency.

Don will always be remembered for his love of life, family and country.

Expressions of sympathy can be made at www.mapleridgefuneral.ca

Lest We Forget.

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RMR gets named



THIS DAY IN RMR HISTORY - August 5, 1914: After being ordered to combine their forces, and following a series of meetings involving the Grenadier Guards, the Victoria Rifles, and the Carabiniers de Mont-Royal, an active service battalion was created. The Canadian Minister of Defence, Col. Hon. Sam Hughes, bestowed on the new unit the title "Royal Montreal Regiment" and under this name the battalion fought in France. At the time the use of the word Royal was not legitimate. Officially the warrant to use the royal prefix was granted by King George only

after the Regiment had established its worth in battle and had returned to Canada. In the meantime the title "Royal Montreal Regiment" was used to designate the Battalion in the Army List issued by the War Office. [1]

In Europe, this day began with the opening land battle of the war when the German Second Army, following the German "Schlieffen Plan," crossed the frontier into neutral Belgium in order to attack France from the north. This was the first time since 1839 that German troops had entered Belgium. This opening attack was to become known as The Battle of Liege. It lasted from August 5th to 16th 1914.

[1]The Montreal Daily Mail, August 5, 10914, pg. 1.

[2]Featherstonhaugh, R.C., *The Royal Montreal Regiment 14th Battalion C.E.F. 1914-1925*, pg. 5

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