



Greetings,

It has been another long Covid kind of month for all members of the RMR Family. The serving members are conducting training as best as possible, with a couple dozen soldiers currently in Valcartier conducting mechanized training with the R22eR for the next several weeks.

Cadets and the Legion are still meeting virtually, although the Branch 14 (RMR Association) poppy campaign has kicked off: one of the very few branches to be able to conduct any sort of in-person campaign this year, and setting the standard with innovations such as poppybymail.ca.

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.

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

Articles from the past month:



RMR'S 2020 WORKPLACE CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN AIMS TO HELP HOMELESS VETERANS

Westmount, Quebec – 08 October 2020: No one should go hungry, homeless, and least of all be left without assistance. Therefore, this Fall the RMR's 2020 workplace charitable campaign committee invites all serving soldiers to be generous and assist our homeless veterans in Montreal and prevent future veterans from experiencing homelessness. The money raised will go a long way to support the good work of the [Old Brewery Mission Foundation's](#) Sentinels of the Street program.

[Learn how you can contribute to this initiative by reading the full article here.](#)

RANDOM ACT(S) OF KINDNESS

This is a story about 'the kindness of strangers'. Private Clarence B. Denman, lived at 1836 Esplanade Avenue in Montreal (a four-minute walk from St-Viateur Bagel, for those looking for a contemporary local reference). In early August 1914 he was 21-years old, unmarried, living with his parents, and working as a salesman. Sadly, like so many of the original RMR's, he would never see his 23rd birthday, and would never return to Montreal.



Read how 105 years after he died of his wounds, he has fresh flowers being placed on his tidied grave by strangers, a story that is the essence of “Lest We Forget”. [Read story and see images here.](#)

Nos soldats dans les rues



**“THE OCTOBER CRISIS 1970” – A VIRTUAL EXHIBITION
TOLD FROM A SOLDIER’S PERSPECTIVE**

Westmount, Quebec – 07 October 2020: Je Me Souviens (JMS), a Canada Company educational program created in collaboration with the Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR) Foundation and le Royal 22ieme Régiment (R22eR), today launched “The October Crisis 1970”, a virtual exhibition marking the 50th anniversary of a controversial period in Canadian history.

The October Crisis refers to events that took place in Québec in the autumn of 1970. It was the culmination of terrorist attacks by the Front de libération du Québec (FLQ), a militant Québec independence movement, that started in 1963. In October 1970, FLQ members kidnapped British trade commissioner James Cross, and kidnapped and killed Québec Minister of Immigration and Minister of Labour Pierre Laporte. In response, the federal government invoked the War Measures Act and mobilized the Canadian Armed Forces. It was the only peacetime use of the War Measures Act in Canadian history.

Based on the Québec Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) curriculum, “The October Crisis 1970” is an interactive exhibition intended primarily as a resource for high school teachers and students.

[Read the full article and get links to the online exhibition here.](#)



100th EDITION OF OFFICERS' MESS REUNION DINNER MOVING ONLINE

Due to the restrictions on gathering on groups imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the officers' mess of The Royal Montreal Regiment will not be able to hold their annual reunion dinner, which originally began in 1920.

[Click here to register for the event.](#)



BRANCH 14 (RMR ASSOCIATION)
FEATURED ON GLOBAL NEWS



‘POPPY BY MAIL’ LAUNCHED BY BRANCH 14 (RMR ASSOCIATION)

Westmount, Quebec – 01 November 2020: Branch 14 (RMR Association), a Royal Canadian Legion branch located in Westmount, today launched “Poppy By Mail”, a website that allows Canadians to make a donation securely online and receive a poppy by mail:
www.poppybymail.ca.

This service is provided entirely by unpaid volunteers, with all proceeds going directly to the Legion Poppy Fund. Branch 14 (RMR Association) pledges to mail them the same day that donations are received, however delivery times will vary according to Canada Post. This initiative has been set up to fulfil individual family orders only. Maximum of five (5) poppies per donation. Bulk orders (schools, institutions, etc.) are encouraged to visit the Legion’s Dominion Command for alternative solutions.

[Read the full article and order your poppy here.](#)