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Happy Canada Day to the RMR Family!

Wishing all members of the extended Regimental Family and Friends of the Regiment all the very best this Canada Day.

"This Day in RMR History" Announced

Westmount, 22 June 2014 - 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 often for updates!

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Summer Racing Party Announced!

Westmount, 07 June 2014 - To coincide with the F1 Montreal Grand Prix this weekend, the [RMR Association \(Br. 14\)](#), is pleased to announce that they will be hosting a Centennial fundraising party in precisely four weeks:

SATURDAY 05 JULY 2014

The party will be held at the exclusive party room located in the **Chateau St-Ambroise**, located at 4020 St-Ambroise, H4C 2C7. Doors will open at 19h00.

Tickets are \$14.00 each and include two free beer tickets and access to a snack buffet. there is a collection of vintage racing machines & luxury vehicles will be on display, including the actual Ferrari that Gilles Villeneuve raced to win the 1978 F1 Grand Prix in Montreal.

RSVP on the **RMR Association Facebook Page**: <https://www.facebook.com/RMRAssociation>



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RMR Reunion Announced for 23 Aug 14

Westmount, 21 June 2014 - To mark 100 years of successful service to Canada, the RMR Foundation is hosting a reunion in the form of a traditional "smoker" (an informal gathering) to be held at CFSA Montreal in Dorval on Saturday 23 August 2014. This reunion is open to the entire Regimental Family, a BBQ lunch is included in the admission.

Doors open at 10h30, short ceremony of celebration at noon sharp.

Tickets are \$14.00/each (kids under 12 are free), dress is casual, canoes & kayaks are available to use. RSVP to foundation@royalmontrealregiment.com by 01 Aug 14.

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Afghan Memorial Vigil on Display in Montreal: 17 -21 June 2014



Westmount, 16 June 104 - The Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces are marking more than 12 years of service in Afghanistan. Throughout the 12 year engagement The Royal Montreal Regiment sent 49 soldiers on 59 deployments (some soldiers deployed more than once) to Afghanistan from 2005 until 2014.

One of the ways the DND/CAF are commemorating the service of Canadian personnel is through an Afghanistan Memorial Vigil. The Vigil commemorates 158 CAF personnel, a Canadian diplomat, a DND contractor, a Canadian journalist who was embedded with the CAF and more than 40 United States Armed Forces members who were under Canadian command during operations in Afghanistan.

The Memorial Vigil will be located at Montreal City Hall from the 17-21 June. The RMR's own Afghan veteran, Corporal Lescarbeau, on site throughout the duration of the week to answer questions regarding the conflict and the RMR's participation in the 12 year engagement.

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Hampstead Family Day a Great Success

Westmount, 18 June 14 - The Town of Hampstead held its annual family day in Hampstead Park on 11 June 2014. The Royal Montreal Regiment was on hand to participate in the annual event and this years interactive display allowed participants of all ages the opportunity to experience a small slice of military life by visiting tents, playing with radios, and touching various equipment soldiers use on a daily basis, including different uniforms, gas masks, etc. RMR soldiers were on hand to teach young visitors the art of camouflage and concealment, an essential skill every infantry soldier must master. Fortunately for all, the weather cooperated and the day was a great success.

Both Hampstead and the RMR are celebrating their 100th birthdays this year. The RMR was awarded freedom of the city from Hampstead in 2008 (<http://www.royalmontrealregiment.com/serving-battalion/affiliated-cities/>) and has maintained a strong relationship with the RMR ever since.

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Farewell, Sergeant!

Westmount, 16 June 2014: The Royal Montreal Regiment would like to wish Sergeant Artem Azbukin best of luck as he leaves the Canadian Armed Forces after 13 years of dedicated service.

Sgt Azbukin enrolled in the RMR on the 31 Jan 2001. Throughout his 13 year career Sgt Azbukin has served as a Section Commander, Platoon Second in Command and as Company Quarter Master Sergeant. Sgt Azbukin deployed in 2002 as part of the Task Force Bosnia Herzegovina Infantry Battle Group and later in 2004 with Task Force Bosnia Herzegovina (OP PALLADIUM). Sgt Azbukin also served on Domestic Operations OP PODIUM and OP LOTUS the latter as Platoon Second in Command.

The RMR family would like to wish Sgt Azbukin the best of luck in his future endeavors and would like to thank him for his dedicated service. The RMR Association looks forward to processing his [application for membership](#)!

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RMR Nijmegen Team Celebrates 100th Anniversary of Camp Valcartier



Quebec City, 15 June 2014 - A nine man team from The Royal Montreal Regiment marched from CFB Valcartier to the Port of Quebec in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Camp Valcartier's inauguration. The RMR's marchers were comprised of members of the RMR Nijmegen Marching team which will also be participating in this year's Nijmegen March in Holland from 11 -21 July 2014. The Nijmegen March is an international marching event that in recent years has had up to 40,000 participants. Military teams are required to walk a total of 160km in 4 days carrying a weight of 10kg.

You can meet the members of the RMR team at the [Summer Racing Party](#) being held in Montreal on Saturday 05 July 2014, come down and wish them well!

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100 Years of Tweeting

Westmount, 11 June 2014 - A lot can happen in 100 years!

The first "tweets" that RMR troops would have been used would have come from one of the [estimated 100,000](#) carrier pigeons used in World War One (which apparently enjoyed a 95% success rate!)

Be sure to follow The Royal Montreal Regiment on Facebook and Twitter as we document 100 years of service to Canada. The RMR Foundation website, Twitter and Facebook will be updated frequently to include pictures, historical facts and news regarding upcoming Regimental and Centennial activities. Stay tuned!

Twitter: @RMR100th

Facebook: www.facebook.com/royalmontrealregiment

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34 Brigade Change of Command

Montreal, 09 June 2014 - A traditional change of command ceremony was held at the Cote-des-Neiges armoury on Saturday afternoon for the [34 Canadian Brigade Group \(34 CBG\)](#). Presided over by the commander of [2 Division](#), Brigadier-General Lanthier, command of 34 GBC was handed from Colonel De Sousa to Colonel Chafaï . De Sousa was subsequently promoted to Brigadier-General and will be assuming responsibilities as the Deputy Commander of 2 Division.

Numerous RMR's were on parade as part of the ceremony, and later that evening in Laval a farewell dinner was held in honour of BGen De Sousa with 14 RMR's in attendance.

The RMR Foundation welcomes Colonel Chafaï and wishes both him and Brigadier-General De Sousa every success in their new roles.

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Centennial History Book Announced

Westmount, 02 June 2014 - The RMR Foundation is pleased to announce that it has commissioned [Mr. Alan Hustak](#) to write the RMR's Centennial history book. It will be an illustrated history book of approximately 20,000 words and 200 illustrations and published as a 'coffee-table' book. A sample of the first chapter can be read [here](#).

The aim of the book is to tell the story of the RMR using the characters of the Regiment, essentially as a 'series of vignettes connected by the golden thread of chronology' and

illustrated with photos, sketches, and maps that will best emphasize the point of the story.

Anyone with images, stories, or anything that could be of interest to the author is encouraged to please send an email to: info@royalmontrealregiment.com.

<http://www.royalmontrealregiment.com/book-sample/>

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Save the Date: 01 Nov 14 Gala Ball

Westmount, 05 June 14 - The RMR will be hosting a gala ball to mark its 100th anniversary on Saturday 01 November 2014, to be held at the RMR's Armoury on Ste-Catherine Street West.

Everyone with a connection to the Regiment is encouraged to attend, and investigations are underway to produce a hotel package for out of towners.

Ticket pricing and details will be made available this month, including an online payment option.

Questions? Want to volunteer? Know a potential sponsor? Please email 100@royalmontrealregiment.com

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Wedding Bells for RMR Sergeant

Montreal, 01 June 2014 - Congratulations to Sergeant Michael Talarico and his beautiful bride Amanda who were married yesterday in a ceremony held at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral in downtown Montreal. Numerous members of the Regimental family were on hand to join his father (Major Pino Talarico) and brother (Corporal Nicholas Talarico) in wishing them well.

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