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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 second '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" (the masthead is from the the 1950's) 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.



For the first time since 2019, on 15 May 2022 the RMR conducted their traditional church parade at the regimental church, Saint Matthias.

Greetings,

In yet another monthly edition of “*life is increasingly returning to normal*” (a.k.a. “The Intercom”), The Royal Montreal Regiment held their annual church parade service on 15 May 2022, followed by a change of RSM ceremony, the annual awards ceremony, a change of command ceremony, and of course, the payment of our annual ‘rent’ to Westmount in accordance to the terms of our 99-year lease of the land on which our armoury rests.

In a display of transparency, a number of us had been invited by the Mayor of Westmount, Her Worship Christina Smith, to brief city council on the RMR the day immediately following the parade, and we witnessed her depositing the mighty sum of three dollars (Covid had prevented the RMR from paying the ‘rent’ in 2020 and 2021) with a bemused Comptroller (who was likely relieved that the RMR didn’t insist upon a receipt!).

It was wonderful to be able to participate in the regiment’s traditional Spring ceremonies like church parade and the honours & awards. It was also a privilege to witness the change of the command team. In my opinion, likely the greatest testament to the success of CWO Stephan Leroux and LCol John Shone was the phalanx of RMR NCO’s ready to fling the outgoing RSM out onto the street in the traditional carrying of the RSM’s chair. All teasing aside, we have not had so many red sashes on parade in the unit in many years, and I wish to express my congratulations and gratitude to the outgoing command team for leaving the regiment in such capable hands. It must be noted that at a total of eight years (over two terms), LCol John Shone was the longest serving CO in RMR history, nudging out the legendary Basil Price for that place in our regimental history.

The new CO, Lieutenant-Colonel Maciej Jonasz, and the new RSM, Master-Warrant Officer James Quesnel ([photo here](#)), both enjoy a reputation as solid field soldiers with a keen interest in tactics, operations, and making sure their soldiers are operationally ready. It cannot be ignored that the Canadian Armed Forces are going through a tough time now, and I am confident that these two strong leaders will lead the RMR through these tough times and the Regiment will emerge stronger. If our long regimental history has taught us anything it is that adversity breeds creativity, initiative, and strong leaders capable of implementing solutions.

On behalf of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel David Bensadoun, the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Maciej Jonasz, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Master-Warrant Officer James Quesnel, please accept our continued best wishes.

Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.



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

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Change of Command at the RMR

Westmount, Quebec – 15 May 2022: In the presence of Colonel Alain Cohen, Commander of 34th Brigade Group, The Royal Montreal Regiment conducted a change of command ceremony between Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone and Lieutenant-Colonel Maciej Jonasz on Sunday 15 May 2022.

[Read the full story, profiles of the CO's, and see pictures here](#)



Change of RSM's for the RMR

Westmount, Quebec – 15 May 2022: The Royal Montreal Regiment changed their Regimental Sergeant-Major today, with Master-Warrant Officer James Quesnel replacing Chief Warrant-Officer Stephan Leroux during the traditional exchange of the RSM's Cane ceremony. Once the ceremony was completed, the NCO's of the RMR carried CWO Leroux on their shoulders in the RSM's chair in a dignified procession – not even one perceived attempt at dropping him was noted! All teasing aside, we have not had so many red sashes on parade in the unit in many years, and the Regiment is grateful to CWO Leroux for leaving the regiment in such capable hands.

[Read the full story and see more pictures here.](#)



Asian Heritage Month

May was Asian Heritage Month in Canada, a time to reflect on and celebrate the contributions that Canadians of Asian descent have made and continue to make, to the growth and prosperity of Canada. Asian Heritage Month has been celebrated across Canada since the 1990's. It is also a good time to pause, reflect and learn more about the distinguished service of Canadians of Asian Heritage who have served or continue to serve in The Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR). In honour of Asian Heritage Month, throughout May the RMR Foundation published profiles of service of some of our members of Asian descent who have served (and continue to serve) in our ranks.

[Read the all of the profiles here](#)



TEWTing around Crysler's Farm

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY SECOND-LIEUTENANT KAI BREAU

Westmount, Quebec – 13 May 2022: On April 23rd, officers and NCOs from the RMR participated in the second TEWT of the training year. The location was the site of the battle of Crysler's Farm in the War of 1812. Upon arriving on site, we saw the monuments built to commemorate the battle and, at the top of the hill, where some old British guns lay, we discussed the course of the battle.

[Read the full story and see more pictures here.](#)

About the RMR Foundation



The RMR Foundation is a non-profit incorporated body with charitable status, designed to *"Serve the best interests of The Royal Montreal Regiment and accept such tasks designated by the Trustees to help any member body of the Regimental Family."* Donations help with providing emergency financial assistance to RMR soldiers identified by the chain of command, and providing relief to veterans of the RMR.

Beyond direct veteran support, the RMR Foundation provides assistance for the needs of the RMR family, advises on request, the CO of the RMR or any of its affiliated units, promotes the role of the Reserve Forces within the Canadian Armed Forces and the Regiment's affiliated municipalities, lobbies for the promotion of a more effective Canadian Defence Force, funds the operation of the RMR Museum's annual exhibitions, and supports the *Je Me Souviens* education program providing free materials to supplement Quebec's curriculum.

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