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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 on an ad-hoc basis and is intended to keep the friend & family of the Regiment up to speed with the accomplishments of the current serving members of the Regiment and all affiliated organizations.

Greetings,

Hard to believe that we are already a quarter of the way through 2018! First of all, please allow me to wish a hearty happy holidays to all of you who are observing either Passover or Easter, and please take a moment to remember how RMR soldiers were spending their Easter weekend in 1917... staggering through the mud in the snow and rain while taking their objectives at Vimy Ridge on time, albeit at a frightful cost with 98 RMR's killed.

I had the pleasure of visiting the RMR troops in the field this past month as part of [Exercise GUERRIER ENDURCI](#). There is an article below with links to photos and a great video, but one of the things that struck me the most was that wherever you looked there was an RMR... the Regiment deployed the second highest number of troops for the exercise, second only to the Service Battalion. Given that the RMR has the lowest established strength in 34 Brigade, this is a remarkable achievement and all ranks should be quite proud of the impact they made on the Brigade's collective training. I particularly enjoyed observing the RMR rifle platoon sweep through their objective with professionalism and grit - the hallmarks of the infanteer. Ducimus!

Another great event in March that I had the pleasure of attending was the Junior Ranks mess dinner, held on St. Paddy's Day on the parade square. The guest of honour was Jody Mitic, a 20 year Canadian Armed Forces veteran and Sniper Team Leader. Jody Mitic lost both his legs when he stepped on a landmine in Afghanistan on his third tour of duty overseas. After only a few short months of rehabilitation, Jody was up and walking again. During his after-dinner remarks, Jody encouraged the members of the JRC to relish their experiences and make the most of their military service, which he predicted that based on his own personal experiences, it will be the best times in their lives. As a certified *Auld Phart*, I can attest to the accuracy of his statement and heartily endorse it! And while I congratulate Corporal O'Driscoll as the PMC, I already know that that she would demur because it was a real team effort to organize the mess dinner given that she was on her Primary Leadership Qualification course in the weeks leading up to the dinner. That kind of teamwork within the JRC is what sets the RMR apart, way to set the standard!

March was also the month where Chief Warrant Officer Robbin McIntyre, CD finally hung up his spurs for good. He served as the RSM of the RMR twice in the 1990's, and went on to serve as RSM at 34th Combat Engineers Regiment, before deploying to Afghanistan and serving at NDHQ. He left an impression on many generations of RMR soldiers and was completely dedicated to the RMR ethos. Enjoy your retirement, RSM.

Before signing off, I would like to note how just how impressive the young men & women of our affiliated cadet units are. I was invited in March to participate in an evaluation panel for one of our affiliated cadet units (no names, no pack drill), where they were determining who would earn the top awards given out each year. As I shuffle my way into dotage, I am happy to report that the young generation of cadets - just like within the ranks of the Regiment - is FULL of impressive young leaders, energetic, possessed by a sense of responsibility and duty, and trying to make the world a better

place through deeds, not just words. Bravo!

A few upcoming activities that should be in your calendar as the training year winds up:

- OPEN HOUSE: 07 April 2018 (open to the public)
- YPRES DINNER: 21 April 2018 (WO's & Sgt's Mess)
- HONOURS & AWARDS NIGHT: 27 April 2018 (RMR Association)
- MCKEAN 100: Centenary of [Capt McKean earning the VC](#)
- CHURCH PARADE: 06 May 2018 (St. Matthias & Armoury, open to the public)

Please take a moment to read this selection of the accomplishments 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 who are battling illness or disease.

On behalf of Honorary Colonel Andrew Molson, the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief-Warrant Officer David Cochrane, please accept our continued best wishes.

Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.



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



The poster is for the 'Journée Portes Ouvertes de la Réserve' (Reserve Open House) held on April 7, 2018. It features the Canadian Army logo at the top, with 'ARMÉE CANADIENNE' and 'CANADIAN ARMY' flanking a central crest. Below the logo, the event title is written in large, bold, white letters. The date '7 AVRIL 2018' and 'APRIL 7, 2018' are displayed in a white box. The English title 'RESERVE OPEN HOUSE' is prominently shown in large, bold, white letters. A stamp-like graphic on the right reads 'FORTS. FIER. PRÊTS. STRONG. PROUD. READY.' The bottom of the poster includes the Canadian flag, the text 'Défense nationale' and 'National Defence', the 'FORCES ARMÉES CANADIENNES' and 'CANADIAN ARMED FORCES' logos, and the 'Canada' wordmark.

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RMR armoury open to the public

You are invited to visit us on Saturday 07 April 2018 between 10h00 - 16h00 as The Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR) will be opening their doors to the public as part of a national "Open House." All Canadian Army Reserve Armouries will be open to the public that day.

RMR soldiers will be on hand to provide vehicle, equipment, rations, and weapon displays as well as answer questions and socialize with the public. Recruiting information will be available for those interested in joining the Army Reserve, and the RMR Museum will be open. Free admission.

[Register here](#)



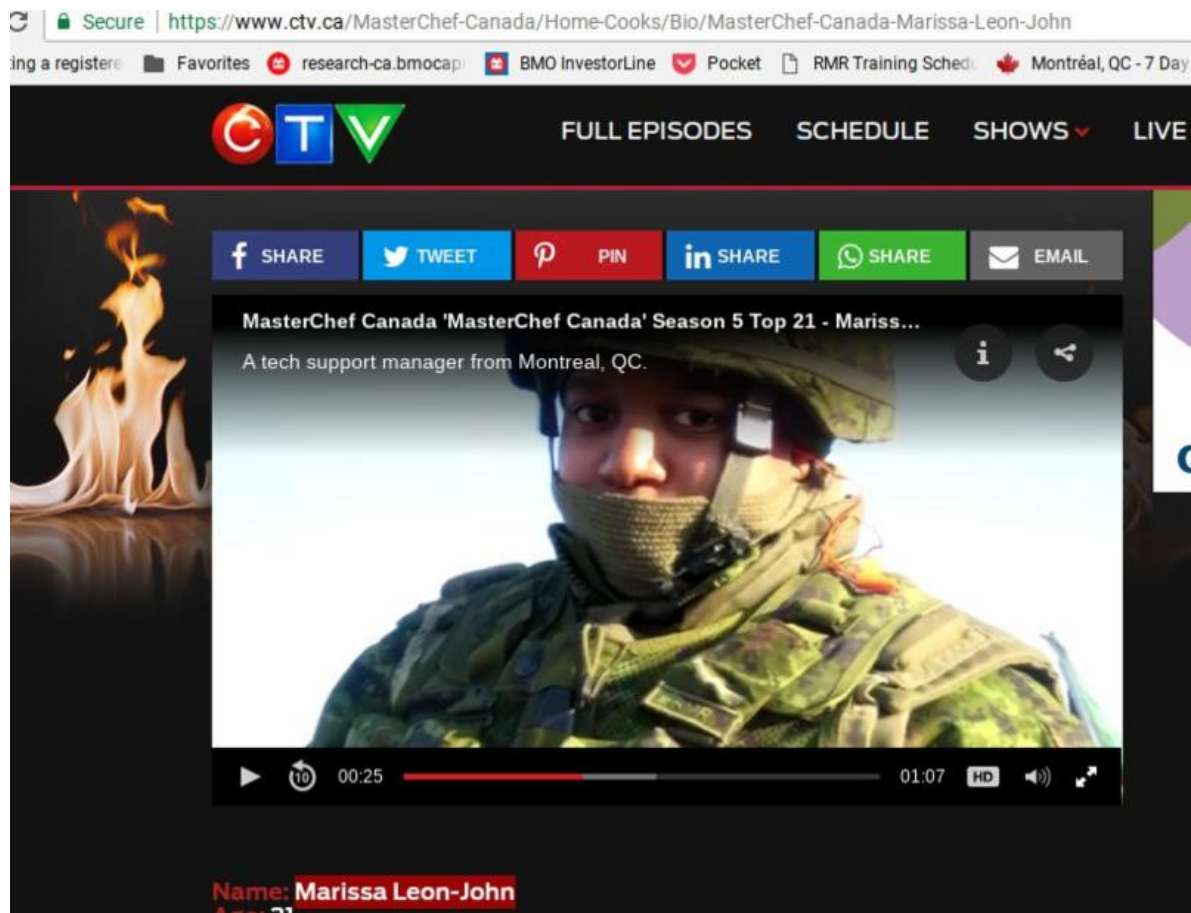
VIRTUAL BATTLE SIMULATION

Held within the comfort of the RMR's armoury on Ste-Catherine Street

Westmount, Quebec - 25 March 2018: Last year, over the weekend of 28 - 29 January 2017, a rifle platoon from the RMR's "B" Company conducted offensive operations training within the armoury... but not how you might think! No weapons, snowshoes, or tent groups were drawn from the QM, nobody boarded vehicles for the long drive to Valcartier, and no one even got their feet dirty, let alone cold, wet, and miserable!

And yet over the course of the weekend this 40-person strong rifle platoon executed three raids, one of which included a heliborne and another an assault boat insertion, all without ever leaving the comfort of the RMR's armoury on Ste-Catherine street... A [detailed video](#) produced by the RMR's own Major Maciej Jonasz explains how it all happened:

[Read more about the training here](#)



FORMER RMR COMPETING FOR MASTER CHEF

CTV Competition begins in April

Westmount, Quebec - 15 March 2018: A former soldier of the regiment, Marissa Leon-John, is scheduled to compete on CTV's MasterChef Canada show beginning in April. One of 21 contestants from across Canada, let's cheer her on!

[Learn more here](#)



JODY MITIC GUEST OF HONOUR AT JRC DINNER

Junior Ranks Mess Dinner

Westmount, Quebec - 19 March 2018: On Saturday evening 17 March 2018, the Junior Ranks Club (JRC) welcomed Mr. Jody Mitic as their guest of honour for their annual mess dinner, which was held on the parade square.

During his after-dinner remarks, Jody encouraged the members of the JRC to relish their experiences and make the most of their military service, which he predicted that based on his own personal experiences, it will be the best times in their lives. Corporal Brigitte O'Driscoll, President of the Mess Committee, presented him with a framed commemorative envelope from the RMR's 100th anniversary as a token of the gratitude felt by the members of her mess. All ranks then retired to the JR's mess downstairs to continue the festivities.

[Read the full article & more about Jody Mitic here.](#)



BUSY TRAINING YEAR FOR 2862 CADETS!

Marching band, marksmanship, sports, survival training, and more

Westmount, Quebec - 29 March 2018: Cadet Corps 2862 certainly has had a busy training year thus far! Besides their usual training (they train at the RMR Armory every Friday evening from 18:30 to 21:30, from September to June, and they have optional activities such as marching band, marksmanship and sports on Thursday evenings and weekends), they have organized many extra activities such as visits to Ottawa, field survival training, sports competitions, and more!

[Read about the 2862 Cadet Corps and view a collection of photos here](#)



RMR ON "SPRING BREAK"

Close to 70 RMR's deployed on Exercise GUERRIER ENDURCI

Westmount, Quebec - 12 March 2018: Close to 70 members of the RMR spent their "spring break" on exercise throughout Quebec. Centred on Ste-Hyacinthe, they conducted infantry operations throughout the region. A video of one of the RMR platoon attacks (as part of the GBT's "A" Company") was produced by the RMR's own Major Maciej Jonasz (link below).

[View the video & photos from Ex GUERRIER ENDURCI here](#)



FULL-TIME SUMMER EMPLOYMENT AVAILABLE

For members of the Canadian Army Reserve

Westmount, Quebec - 14 March 2018: The Minister of Defence issued a communiqué yesterday announcing the launch of the Full-Time Summer Employment program which will have a direct effect current serving RMR soldiers as well as new recruits.

Guaranteed annual summer employment from May 1 to August 31 will also provide Army Reservists the training necessary for career progression. If certain members are identified as potential future Army Reserve junior leaders, they will also undergo leadership training during this period. The Full-Time Summer Employment initiative is available to new recruits, and also available to current Army Reservists who joined as of 2015.

[Learn more about the full-time summer employment program here](#)

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