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February 2021

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" (masthead from above is from 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.



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 the rest of us in Quebec coming to terms with curfews - the last one happening 50-years ago during the [October Crisis](#). Of course, for me at least, the initial outrage over personal freedoms being curtailed, etc. was quickly replaced by the sad realization that there isn't anywhere to go anyways!

Our Cadets and the Legion are still meeting virtually, and you can read an article below about the efforts at maintaining normalcy during a lockdown. Congratulations to all of the leaders who continue to make a difference in the lives of all of us in the RMR family, it really means a lot.

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.

Handwritten signature of LCol (ret'd) Colin Robinson, CD.

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Honorary Colonel
The Royal Montreal Regiment

Articles from the past month:



RMR MASTER DOOR GUNNER

Westmount, Quebec – 15 January 2021: Congratulations to Sergeant Brigitte O'Driscoll of The Royal Montreal Regiment, who in September 2020, in Valcartier, Quebec, became the first woman in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) to be certified as a Master Door Gunner.

[Learn more by reading the full article here.](#)



ORDER OF CANADA FOR FORMER RMR HONORARY COLONEL ANDREW MOLSON

Westmount, Quebec – 30 December 2020: The RMR congratulates former Honorary Colonel Andrew Molson for being named a Member of the Order of Canada “For his commitment to business, and for his philanthropy in support of Montréal’s education, arts and health sectors”.

[Read story here.](#)



1 WEST SQUADRON CO'S ONLINE PARADE

Westmount, Quebec – 29 January 2021: 1 West Montreal Squadron held their CO's parade on 27 January 2021. The event was well attended by more than 100 members of the squadron as well as supporters and guest speakers, including Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel David Bensadoun from the RMR. *The photo above was taken nearly a year ago, prior to the pandemic.*

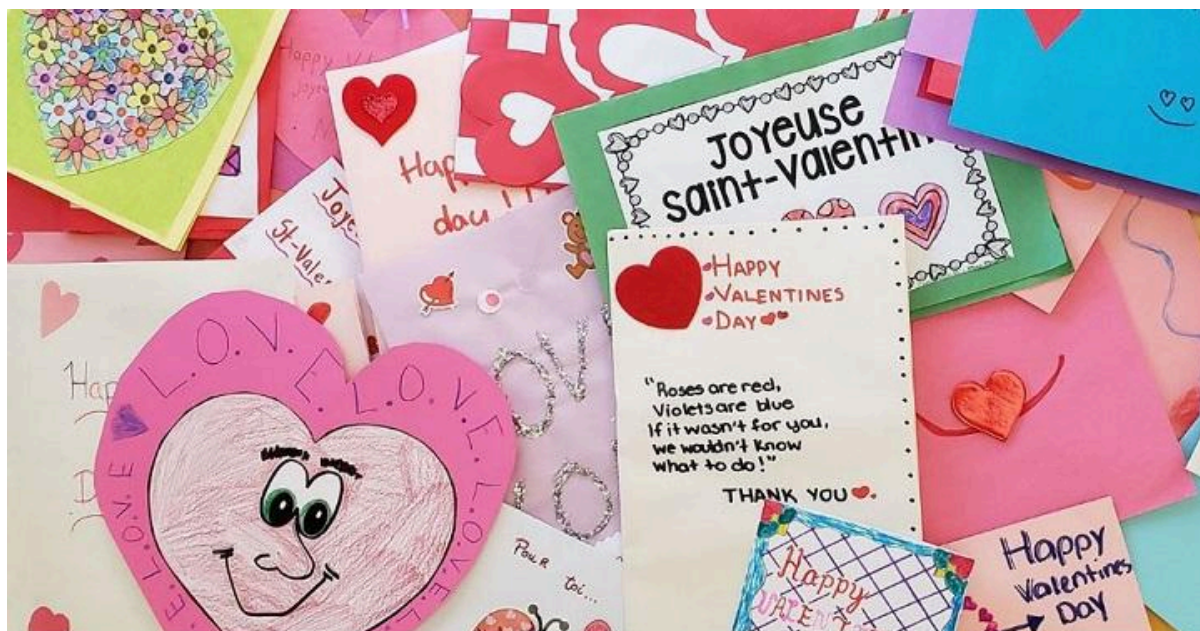
[Read the full article here.](#)

VIRTUAL LEVÉE TO START 2021

Westmount, Quebec – 02 January 2021: Due to the restrictions on gatherings imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the members of The Royal Montreal Regiment were not able to hold their annual Levée Day. Instead, the Honorary Colonel hosted a virtual reunion event, where approximately 25 people gathered in a “virtual mess” to exchange best wishes for the New Year. Serving and former members alike made the effort to meet online, including Master-Corporal Greg Biezing who joined from an “undisclosed location” (hint: a dusty desert).

[Read story here.](#)





VALENTINES FOR VETS

Westmount, Quebec – 14 January 2021: A month before Valentine's Day, the RMR Foundation would like to encourage readers to send a Valentine to a Veteran this year. The pandemic has forced isolation on many aged veterans, and this is a great way to remind them of how appreciated and loved they are. Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) runs a program that invites Canadian schools, individuals and organizations to make Valentines for Vets. VAC then distributes the valentines to Veterans in long-term care facilities across the country by February 14.

[Learn how you can contribute by reading the full article 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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