



June 2023

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.



Left to Right: Mr. Otis Grant, MWO James Quesnel, Mr. Howard Grant, and LCol Maciej Jonasz. Photo taken outside the Beaconsfield Golf Course: 05 May 2023

Greetings,

May & November tend to be the busiest months in the calendar of the RMR Family, and this May did not disappoint! Starting with TEWT's and ending with all four affiliated Cadet units having their Annual Cadet Review parades on the same weekend (also the same weekend that the RMR Association held their annual Honours & Awards celebration) - it was a busy month!

The RMR Advisory Committee, a body that aims to maximize cooperation between all members of the RMR Family and meets twice a year, held a productive meeting at the end of May. Some of the highlights were that, following the RMR's Cadet Appreciation Day held at the armoury this Spring, all four of the RMR's affiliated cadet units are working together on developing a inter-unit competition throughout the next training

year that will focus on drill, marksmanship, orienteering, and a basketball tournament. Another highlight was the enthusiasm for the Virtual Army Run, to be held on the banks of the Lachine Canal on 09 Sept 2023 - mark your calendars!

Also I am pleased to report my new comrade for Intercom duties, Corporal Zachary Marquis, has written his first full-length [article all about the 2022-23 training year](#). Great article if you want to have a better understanding of what our soldiers are doing.

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 Corporal Zach Marquis, 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
Editor

Articles from the past month:



2022-23 Training Year in Review

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY CORPORAL ZACHARY MARQUIS

Westmount, Quebec – 31 May 2023: As we move further into the Summer Training period, it is time to reflect on the incredible journey we have undertaken as an infantry unit over the past year. From sharpening our shooting skills to executing complex missions, this past year has been a testament to The Royal Montreal Regiment's commitment, adaptability, and unwavering determination. Join us as we summarize the highlights of our training year, the lessons we have learned, and the accomplishments we have achieved as a cohesive and formidable unit.

[Read the details about the training and see pictures here](#)



The Man behind the uniform: Michael Gazo

Westmount, Quebec – 02 May 2023: Former Master-Corporal Michael Gazo is part of the very fabric that is telling the RMR's story; his kit that he served in while deployed overseas is now part of the RMR Museum's permanent exhibition since it was renovated in 2021-22. He now lives on Chatham, Ontario where he lived and worked as a paramedic for 40+ years after serving with the Regiment in the 1970's. He grew up in Montreal and joined the RMR in 1971, serving six years and then eventually releasing as a Master-Corporal after he had served as an infantry section commander.

[Read the full story, learn about his famous uniform, and see pictures here](#)

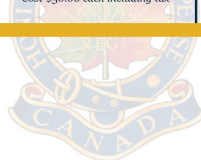
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Available sizes S- XXXL
Cost \$50.00 each including tax



Available sizes S- XXXL
Cost \$25.00 each including tax



Available at the RMR Kit Shop open Tuesday 1900-2100hrs



New RMR Merch available

The RMR Kit Shop has some great new arrivals for Spring to help you show off your regimental spirit!

A hoodie and a t-shirt, both **Made in Canada**, available in sizes ranging from Small to 3XL, and at great prices.

Contact museum@royalmontréalregiment.com to reserve yours today!





RMR Church Parade 2023

Westmount, Quebec – 08 May 2023: On Sunday morning 07 May 2023, the RMR marched to their regimental church, Saint Matthias, and conducted their traditional annual church parade. The Royal Montreal Regiment's annual church parade is a significant tradition in which members of the regiment gather for a religious service to commemorate their heritage and reaffirm their commitment to duty.

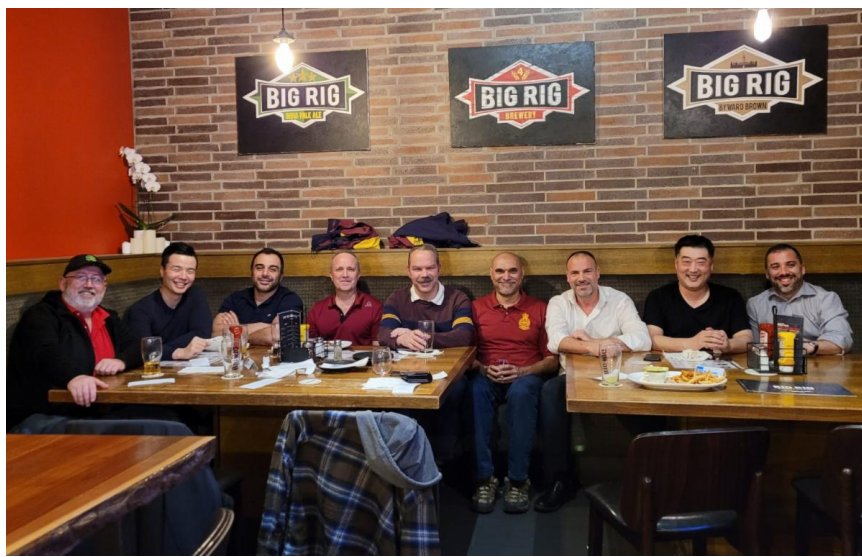
[Read about the traditional event here](#)



RMR Association: Honours & Awards Night

Westmount, Quebec – 28 May 2023: The RMR Association – Branch 14 (Royal Canadian Legion) held its annual **Awards and Honours night** on Friday 26 May 2023 at the WO's & Sgt's Mess.

An annual tradition, the awards night brought together members and family from the branch to witness the significant donations made by the RMR Association to various military charities ranging from helping homeless veterans to training wounded veterans how to participate in new sports, and everything in-between.



Ottawa 'Beer Call' scheduled for 15 June 2023

Westmount, Quebec – 18 May 2023: The 'Ottawa chapter' of the RMR Association (OK, no such entity actually exists, but it sounds cool and they should consider making one!) has scheduled a 'Beer Call' before the summer settles in and a few folks are deployed overseas, posted, etc., so it would be great to get together before they depart.

- **WHEN:** Thursday 15 June 2023, starting at 16h30
- **WHERE:** Mill St Brewery, 555 Wellington St., Ottawa

If you're in the Ottawa area, please be sure to swing by and say hello!

About the RMR Foundation



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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