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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 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.



Come and visit the Regiment tomorrow!

Greetings,

September was another month that began to feel a lot more 'normal' again. The RMR Association hosted their annual 'Smoker' in support of the RMR Fundraising Run, and it was great to see everyone from the regimental family enjoying each other's company again. The BBQ's were flaming hot, the beer was cold, the food was great, and spirits were high.

I was really impressed by the participation from our affiliated Cadet units, and a big 'thank you' to Major Tom Leslie, the Commanding Officer of 1 West Montreal Squadron, who really drove the planning and execution of the RMR Fundraising Run, which beat the overall fundraising goal (\$11,545 raised against a goal of \$10,000).

Another massive "thank you" goes to the Honorary Colonel of 2nd Field Artillery Regiment, Honorary Colonel Steve Gregory, MSM - who is also a member of the RMR Association - made the arrangements with Chateau Saint-Ambroise to allow us to hold the event on their property, as well as arranging for the beer donation from **Birra Fanelli**. Colonel Steve's actions just proved yet again that when times are tough, the Artillery is the Infantry's best friend!

Enjoy your month of October and please bear in mind that Remembrance Day is coming, and given the pace of vaccinations, we should be in a position to hold public ceremonies to properly commemorate the sacrifices made by members of the Canadian Armed Forces. Anyone who is able and willing to support the RMR Association's annual Poppy Campaign should contact them and volunteer (or just respond to this email and I will put you in touch).

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.



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

Articles from the past month:



RMR RUNNERS BEAT FUNDRAISING GOAL

Westmount, Quebec – 30 September 2021: The RMR Foundation sponsored a 'RMR Fundraising Run' primarily as a team-building activity and to strengthen the links between The Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR), and its affiliated cadet units. Executed as a fundraising running/fitness challenge, the volunteer participants trained over the summer complete 5K, 10k, 15k, 21.1k, or 26.1k runs on 18 September 2021. A special congratulations to the 1 West Montreal Squadron running team who finished first place in fundraising, raising more than double the second place team!

Learn more by reading the full article here.

Polish Army Medal for Sgt (ret'd) Kwasiborski, SC, CD



Westmount, Quebec – 20 September 2021: Sergeant (ret'd) Lech Kwasiborski, SC, CD, was awarded the Polish Army Medal 1999 (Silver) by the Polish Ambassador, Dr. Kurnicki, this summer in a ceremony held in Ottawa. He received the medal for promoting Polish history and strengthening the bonds of friendship between Canada and Poland's armed forces.

Read story here.



RMR ASSOCIATION DONATION TO HELP MUSEUM

Saint-Henri, Quebec – 18 September 2021: At the end of the 'Smoker' they hosted as part of the RMR Fundraising Run, the RMR Association made a donation to help fund the renovation of the RMR Museum, which is slated to open later in the autumn of 2021. The donation will help tell the story of ordinary Canadians who have achieved the extraordinary as members of the Regiment.

Learn more by reading the full article here.

About the RMR Foundation



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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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