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## June 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 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.*



*RMR graduates of the Rifle Section Commanders Course with an RMR instructor and the RMR's DCO.  
From the left: Sergeant Cowling (RSCC Instructor), Master-Corporal Cordeiro, Sergeants Lalande, DeLutis, Oh, and Kafoury, and Major Jonasz (DCO RMR)*

Greetings,

Welcome to June - the month of May certainly finished on a high note for all of us Habs fans out there! While nothing really raises morale so well as seeing *nos glorieux* knock the Leafs out of the playoffs, May was a also promising month as Canada started rolling out vaccines at a brisk rate, curfews were lifted, and gradual re-openings began. All of which lends hope that we will be returning to a world of "in-person" events sooner rather than later.

The regiment took some time to conduct a CO's parade where the exemplary service of certain members throughout the year was highlighted through various trophies and awards, and promotions were bestowed upon the qualified and deserving members. It is heartening to see how the regiment has continued to operate during the severe operating restrictions imposed by the pandemic. The RMR continues to train, recruiting is strong, and the leadership talent pool keeps getting deeper (there's a story below about new Sergeants being promoted in May).

Watch this space for news about an upcoming regimental family run that is being organized for September. All affiliated organizations will be participating, and there will be an opportunity for them to fundraise in support of their organizations. More details to follow!

Hopefully the Habs will be able to go far in the playoffs, maybe even all the way. In the playoffs spirit, the RMR Museum has posted some photos of some winning RMR hockey teams from different eras (WW2 and mid-2000's): <https://www.instagram.com/p/CPbE7tJBQ5z/>

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 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:



### Promotions and Awards at the RMR

Article written by Second-Lieutenant Alexander Ray

Westmount, Quebec – 09 May 2021: On a normal year, every May, the men and women of The Royal Montreal Regiment conduct their annual church parade and march through the streets of Westmount, colours flying and drums beating in celebration of the accomplishments of the past training year. However, this past year has been anything but normal, the challenges of the pandemic have put a strain on our society, on the Canadian Armed Forces and consequently on the RMR. Nevertheless, the 2020-2021 training year was a demonstration of the RMR's tenacity and readiness to operate successfully in adverse conditions.

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

### # 1 Squadron CO overseas training curriculum rewrite





Westmount, Quebec – 09 May 2021: #1 Squadron CO Major Thomas Leslie has recently completed a Class B contract as Team Lead for the COATS Intermediate Officer Training Course rewrite. The primary goals of the update mandate were to align training with the CF Competency Dictionary for DP2 Officers (i.e. Lt(N)/Capt), refocus the training on developing subordinate officers and adult staff, incorporate contemporary references and approaches, particularly regarding coaching, mentoring, and creating an inclusive team environment, and to reorganize the content to foster effective learning.

[Read his story here.](#)

## **Former RMR Honorary Colonel Andrew Molson appointed to National Order of Quebec as a Knight**

Westmount, Quebec – 18 May 2021: The RMR congratulates former Honorary Colonel Andrew Molson for being named a Knight of the National Order of Quebec on 11 May 2021, as one of 43 individuals being honoured by Premier François Legault for their outstanding achievements which have influenced Quebec's growth and evolution.

Andrew is now the second former Honorary Colonel of the RMR to be appointed to the National Order of Quebec, as former Honorary Colonel Peter Trent was appointed in 2018.

[Read his story here](#)





## More Sergeants at the RMR!

Valcartier, Quebec – 27 May 2021: Five RMR members graduated from their Rifle Section Commanders' Course (RSCC) in Valcartier today, and four were immediately promoted to the rank of sergeant during their graduation parade.

A hearty congratulations to the graduates for this significant step in their leadership journey. NCO's form the backbone of any effective fighting force and the RMR is pleased to see these talented soldiers driving themselves to accept the challenges set before them. Their experience and leadership will have a significant impact on all ranks of the regiment in operations, training, and ceremonial activities. Well done.

## 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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