



# 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".*

*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,

Well the Regiment certainly hasn't slowed down any now that 2018 has come and stayed! Helping ring in the new year with Ste-Anne's veterans, celebrating Levee together, and getting back to basics in winter warfare training were just some of the things we've been up to over the past couple of months.

It wasn't all happiness, unfortunately - we lost former RSM Bob Wheaton, who died on 19 January 2018. Born in Verdun, he had served the regiment twice as RSM, 1964 - 1968 and then again from 1979 - 1981, which puts him in a pretty exclusive club! He was also an active member of the RMR Association, marching as part of the Branch's colour party for many years during church parades and Remembrance Day parades. There was a strong showing from the RMR family at his funeral, including an impromptu eulogy from Lieutenant-Colonel (ret'd) Harry Hall.

Congratulations to Warrant Officer Andrew Ancil, pictured above with the CO & RSM upon being promoted in January. When not lifting impossibly heavy things, WO Ancil is currently employed on Class B and volunteering with the serving battalion. Promotion to Warrant Officer is quite an achievement for any soldier, bravo!

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.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin Robinson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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



*Ex LYNX POLAIRE 2018*

## RMR troops get back to winter basics

Valcartier, Quebec - 04 February 2018: Annually members of the Regiment are required to confirm that they are capable of surviving and operating in a winter environment. This was the "raison d'être" of Ex LYNX POLAIRE that took place in Valcartier on the weekend of 2-4 February 2018.

[Read the full article here](#)



RIP: CWO ROBERT WHEATON, CD



## Served as RSM of the RMR twice

Westmount, Quebec - 22 January 2018: The RMR Foundation regrets to announce the death of Chief Warrant Officer (retired) Robert (Bob) Wheaton, CD. He passed away on Friday 19 January 2018.

RSM Wheaton played a significant role in the Regiment, serving as Regimental Sergeant-Major twice: 1964 - 1968 and then again from 1979 - 1981. He was also an active member of the RMR Association, marching as part of the Branch's colour party for many years during church parades and Remembrance Day parades. He will be missed.

[Read more about RSM Wheaton here](#)



*Recruiting is now open*

## INFO SESSIONS TUESDAY EVENINGS @ 19h00

The RMR is hiring for positions as Infantry Soldiers and Officers. To join the Army Reserves, you must:

- o Possess Canadian citizenship,
- o Be 18 years of age or older;
- o Have completed a minimum of provincial grade 10 education or Secondary IV in Quebec; and
- o Full-time students who have completed a provincial grade 10 education, or Secondary IV in Quebec, may apply at the age of 16 or 17 with the consent of a parent or legal guardian.
- o You can join as a Reservist and still keep your full-time career or full-time education outside of the Canadian Army.

[Learn more about joining the RMR here](#)

*SALON DE L'EMPLOI: 15 MARS 2018*

**1800 À 2100 MANÈGE CÔTE-DES-NEIGES**



**What?** Canada Company, following its recent success organizing job fairs, will be organizing a major job fair for Reservists searching for careers and jobs.

**Which Companies Will Be There?** A dozen nationally and internationally known companies will be present with interesting and satisfying career and job offers. These companies recognize the extraordinary skills and dedication of Reservists and their value as employees. These companies have been selected because they support CAF members in career transition, in particular Reservists, with policies supporting Reserve service.

[Read the full article and REGISTER here.](#)



## *2017 A RECORD YEAR FOR THE RMR MUSEUM*

**More than 8,000 visitors!**

Well, it's official... 2017 was one heck of a year for the RMR Museum! Although you might not notice a big difference when you walk into the physical museum space that is located within the armoury walls, the museum's transformation throughout 2017 has been nothing short of remarkable.

Focusing on a new strategy of education outreach, visitors increased dramatically in 2017, with a total of 8,136 people visiting the RMR Museum collection or exhibitions.

73% of those visitors were from schools, which ties into the museum's outreach strategy to assist educators by providing resources from both a physical and virtual learning centre that uses aspects of military service to teach the Quebec curriculum across multiple subjects, from K-1 to Grade 11.

[Read about the RMR Museum here](#)





## *2018 LEVEE A SUCCESS*

### **More than 30 survived the CO's cooking at breakfast**

Westmount, Quebec - 02 January 2018: The New Year was kicked off in fine fashion yesterday at the RMR, with more than 30 members of the extended RMR family gathering for the "CO's breakfast", as well as some traditional moose milk and bloody caesars (no moose were harmed in the making of the moose milk). Throughout the day many visitors came through to pay their complements and enjoy a drink in the company of friends and comrades.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone began the breakfast with a short discourse on the origins and traditions of Levee Day, which he noted is a uniquely Canadian custom. An abstract of the origins & traditions is below:

[Read more about the origins of Levee here](#)



## *REPLICA UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT*

Available for loan to schools and youth groups

Westmount, Quebec - 05 January 2018: Replica uniforms and equipment have been produced by the RMR Museum, both soldier and nurse versions.

Created to have sizes small enough for students to be able to try on. The replica uniforms and equipment were used by local schools this past November during the Remembrance Week ceremonies, as well as for learning activities & workshops.

[Learn more about the RMR Museum's replica program here](#)

## *HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR VETERANS*

RMR HELPS STE-ANNE'S VETERANS WELCOME THE NEW YEAR





14) and the serving battalion spent New Year's Eve assisting residents at the Ste-Anne's (formerly Veterans') Hospital partake in the 72nd Annual New Year's Hospital Show that was being put on in the auditorium.

The RMR volunteers helped the residents (average age is 93+) make their way down to the auditorium and stayed with them during the show, assisting them with their needs before returning them to their rooms.

This special music and dance show has been going on for more than 70 years and is one of the more enduring New Year's traditions for Montreal area veterans. Bravo to all the volunteers who made the time to help out!

[Read about the Ste-Anne's New Year's Eve party here.](#)

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*"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."*

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