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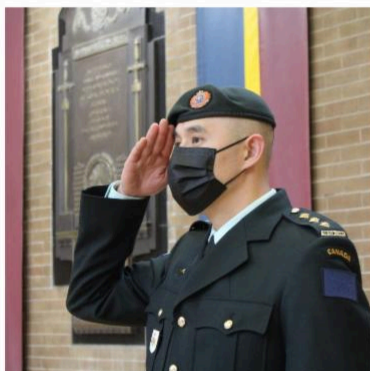
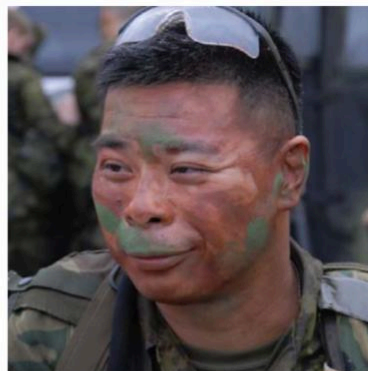
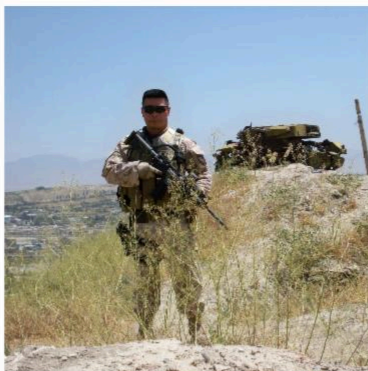


May 2022

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.



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Greetings,

April was another promising month in the recovery from Covid, as life in the armoury gets closer and closer to being back to normal. A good example being the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' annual Ypres Mess dinner which was held on Saturday 23 April 2022, with the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone, invited as their guest of honour. The dining room was full and it was wonderful to experience such camaraderie again in person.

May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada, a time to reflect on and celebrate the contributions that Canadians of Asian descent have made and continue to make, to the growth and prosperity of Canada. Asian Heritage Month has been celebrated across Canada since the 1990's. It is also a good time to pause, reflect and learn more about the distinguished service of Canadians of Asian Heritage who have served or continue to serve in The Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR). In honour of Asian Heritage Month, throughout May the RMR Foundation will publish profiles of service of some of our members of Asian descent who have served (and continue to serve) in our ranks.

The Royal Montreal Regiment's change of command ceremony will be held on Sunday 15 May 2022 at 14h00. Command will pass from Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone to Lieutenant-Colonel Maciej Jonasz, and there will also be a change of Regimental Sergeant-Majors, with Chief

Warrant Officer Stephan Leroux handing over the RSM's cane to Master-Warrant Officer James Quesnel. Dress 1A (CF with medals) or business attire. RSVP before 10 May 2022 with Captain Sergey Perchun, sergey.perchun@forces.gc.ca. I hope to see you there.

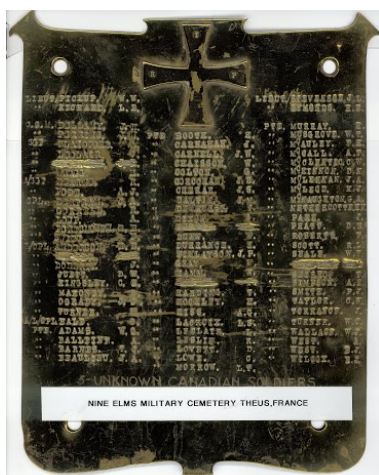
On behalf of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel David Bensadoun, the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief-Warrant Officer Stephan Leroux, please accept our continued best wishes.

Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.



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

Articles from the past month:



Lest We Forget - 105 Years On: The RMR's Assault on Vimy Ridge

Westmount, Quebec – 09 April 2022: 105 years ago this morning, in the snow and rain, the men of the 14th Battalion (RMR) – as part of the first assault wave of the entire Canadian Corps – rose out of their muddy trenches and began advancing towards their two objectives. The battle of Vimy Ridge was a defining moment for Canada. but the victory came at great cost: 3,598 Canadians were killed and more than 7,000 wounded. Amongst these men were 98 RMR soldiers dead and 176 wounded, very near a 50% casualty rate for the Regiment.

[Read the complete story here.](#)



RMR CONDUCTS IBMG 2201

Westmount, Quebec – 05 April 2022: The Royal Montreal Regiment is conducting Infantry Basic Machine Gun (IBMG) 2201 on behalf of the 34th Brigade Battle School. This Advanced Infantry training course provides soldiers with the skills and expertise required to master operating the C6 General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG) with the Sustained Firing (SF) kit where the C6 is mounted on a tripod which provides maximum stability to the firing platform.

[Learn more and see additional images by reading the full article here.](#)



Op UNIFIER (Ukraine): JMS interview with RMR veteran

Westmount, Quebec – 12 April 2022: Captain Nathalie Gareau has been serving in the military for a total of 12 years with The Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR). She was recently interviewed by the **Je Me Souviens** team about her **experiences serving in the Ukraine** in 2019 as part of Operation UNIFIER, the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) mission to support the Security Forces of Ukraine. The operation's focus is to assist with security force training. This will help them improve and build their capability and capacity. The CAF coordinates its efforts with the U.S. and other countries that support in the same way. Military training is one part of Canada's overall support to Ukraine.

[Read the complete story here.](#)



DID YOU KNOW? The RMR Trophy at CAFSAC

Westmount, Quebec – 18 April 2022: Did you know that one of the trophies awarded at the prestigious international shooting competition is named after the RMR? The Canadian Armed Forces Small Arms Concentration (CAFSAC) is an annual shooting match held in the early autumn for CAF and foreign military teams using rifles, pistols and light machine guns, held to help improve marksmanship and small arms proficiency. One of the trophies awarded is named The Royal Montreal Regiment Trophy and is presented to the team with the highest aggregate score for a four-person Reserve Force combat pistol team.

[Learn more 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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