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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 "Intercom" ("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.



Cold, wet, muddy, tired - but still in good spirits. RMR troops pose with the regimental Camp Flag at the end of Ex XERUS DEBUTANT held in Valcartier, Quebec 13 - 15 October 2023. Photo credit: MWO James Quesnel

Greetings,

The RMR Family lost a dear friend in October. Major (ret'd) Dennis Dwyer, beloved former Padre and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel for the Regiment, died on the Thanksgiving weekend. There will be a memorial service held in Perth, Ontario on 04 November 2023. You can get the [details and read a tribute to Dennis here](#).

Reflecting on the significance of Remembrance Day parades is something that a lot of us have done in the past. Below you can read what I consider some of the best thoughts about the reasons why we continue to parade annually and keep faith with the dead. Thank you to Warrant Officer Jonathan Carson for letting me use his words.

Some key RMR Family dates that are coming up in November:

- 27 October 2023: RMR Association Poppy Campaign starts
- 04 November 2023: Kahnawake Legion (Mohawk Branch) parade
- 04 November 2023: [Memorial service for Major \(ret'd\) Dennis Dwyer](#)
- 05 November 2023: Pointe -Claire & Westmount parades
- 09 November 2023: Hampstead parade
- 10 November 2023: Officers' Mess Reunion Dinner
- 11 November 2023: Montreal parade

Lest We Forget.

On behalf of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel David Bensadoun, the Regiment's 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin Robinson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

LCol (ret'd) Colin Robinson, CD
Editor, Intercom

Articles from the past month:



RIP: MAJOR (RET'D) DENNIS DWYER, CD

Westmount, Quebec – 13 October 2023: The RMR Foundation regrets to announce the death of Major (retired) Dennis Dwyer, CD, aged 87-years old. He served as the Regiment's padre throughout the 1980's and then as Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel from 1999 – 2004. He had also been a member of the RMR Foundation. Memorial service will be held at 13h00 on Saturday 04 November 2023 at the Bethel United Church Rideau Ferry, 1500 Rideau Ferry Rd, Perth, ON K7H 3C7.

[Read more about Major Dwyer's life here..](#)



REFLECTING ON REMEMBRANCE DAY

Westmount, Quebec – 25 October 2023: The following was taken from a communication written by Warrant Officer Jonathan Carson explaining the significance of Remembrance Day parades to RMR soldiers. The editor considers it particularly poignant and wants to share with readers of the Intercom:

“Remembrance Day is not really about the parade, the dignitaries, or the ceremony. It is a day for reflecting on our past, remembering those who are no longer with us, and reaffirming the bonds that exist between those of us who remain. The parade is the public acknowledgement of these values, but the real reflection, remembrance, and reaffirmation take place within us as individuals and between us as members of the Regimental family.

Remembrance Day is not only a cornerstone of military culture, it is also an opportunity for generations of The Royal Montreal Regiment to come together, share stories, and create bonds that span generations of service. It is a day that I revere for its sombre nature and deeply appreciate as a reunion with present and former comrades in arms.

I hope that these sentiments resonate with you and, maybe, give you a new perspective on what these parades, and Remembrance Day more broadly, mean to us all.”

Lest We Forget.



RMR THANKS MEMBERS FOR VOLUNTEERING

Westmount, Quebec - 23 October 2023: The RMR's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Maciej Jonasz, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Master Warrant Officer James Quesnel, have been formally recognizing RMR members who are on Class B callouts and are volunteering their time to help out the unit with administrative and operational duties. This extra service that they perform is above and beyond what they get paid for by the Canadian Armed Forces, and while this has been occurring for generations, it is nice to see some well-deserved recognition being given. The RMR Foundation has donated gift boxes containing exclusive RMR merchandise for these volunteers.

[Read the full article here.](#)



RMR POINTE-CLAIRE CADETS LEAD THE WAY

Article written by Captain John Wylie, Administration Officer/Unit Public Affairs Representative, RCACC 2806 Pointe-Claire (RMR)

Pointe-Claire, Quebec – 14 October 2023: This past summer saw over 20 cadets from RCACC 2806 Pointe-Claire (RMR) attend summer training courses and employment opportunities across Quebec and Canada. Three cadets in particular distinguished themselves in terms of their performance during their training or employment, and you can read about each of their accomplishments this summer by clicking the link below.

[Learn more by reading the full article here.](#)



2023 POPPY CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

Westmount, Quebec – 27 October 2023: The RMR Association (Branch 14) kicked off the 2023 annual poppy campaign in Westmount with the help of the Westmount City Councillor Matthew Aronson. He was pinned by the President of the RMR Association, Comrade Sue Guerin, CD in a ceremony held outside the IGA in Alexis-Nihon plaza

marking the start of the 2023 campaign in Westmount.

A film crew from Global Montreal was on hand early Friday morning to witness the start of the RMR Association's poppy campaign at Alexis-Nihon. [Watch the video here.](#)



2806 (RMR) POINTE-CLAIRE CADETS TAKE ON THE FOURAID CHALLENGE

**Article written by Cadet Sergeant I. Takhar, Cadet Correspondent
RCACC 2806 Pointe-Claire (RMR)**

Pointe-Claire, Quebec, 21 October 2023: On October 8-9, 2023, Master Warrant Officer Athuda and Warrant Officer Lavrinenko participated in the Fouraid Adventure Race held at Cadet Training Centre Valcartier. This race combines orienteering, mountain biking, canoeing and trail running into one true test of strength, endurance and mental toughness. Both cadets were chosen based on their training experience. MWO Athuda is a trained Expedition Team Leader who has participated on several Regional Expeditions, while WO Lavrinenko recently completed the Mountain Bike Instructor this past summer. It is the first time either cadet competed in the event, learning on the fly and battling the (rainy) elements, they finished 29th out of 41 teams within the Open Category.

[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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