



THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA



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*** Last Post ***



I need a piper for a Cameron Association member's funeral ? ? ?

For those of you who are trying to plan ahead or suddenly need to book a piper for one of our Comrades and don't know how it is done here you go:

1. Contact the President of the Cameron Association or the Editor of the Oatmeal Rag at a reasonable hour using the contact information on the front page of the current issue; and
2. We'll pass you the contact information of the current Cameron Pipe-Major (because the appointment does actually change from century to century or so and otherwise you may call the wrong guy); and
3. The P/M will help you to make the appropriate arrangements.

EMILE KENNEDY

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-206348/name-Emile_Kennedy/min-run-date-1380344400/order-publish_date|DESC.last_name|ASC/

EMILE MILLIAN KENNEDY B.A., B.S.W. 23rd of September, 2013, at St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg after a lengthy illness. Beloved husband of Charlotte (Solar) and father of Jonathan and Justyn. Emile grew up in the North End of Winnipeg and worked as a policeman for the Canadian Pacific Railway before joining the Winnipeg Police Department where he served as a Detective. Later returning to school, he obtained his B.A. in History (Dean's Honour List) from the U. of Winnipeg and a Bachelor of Social Work from the U. of M. He went on to work for the Manitoba Provincial Government as Director of Income Security for Winnipeg South and then as a social worker for the Provincial Department of Health and Social Development until his retirement.

Emile was a passionate collector of stamps and coins, and especially Canadian Military cap badges and militaria; a longstanding member of the Military Collectors Club of Canada and Curator of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlander's of Canada Museum at Minto Armouries as well. He was a member of the Winnipeg Police Veterans Association and the Manitoba Government Employees Association. He will be sadly missed by his family and our cats: Milo and Moe.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the St. Boniface Hospital E5 I.C.U. and Dr. W. Glew and

Home Care staff for their care and compassion. Also thanks to all of Emile's friends both in Winnipeg and abroad, co-workers, neighbours and fellow collectors from over the years. To honour Emile's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Winnipeg Humane Society in his name. Eternally Remembered

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on September 28, 2013

EARL HUNTER

http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-209376/name-Earl_Hunter/order-publish_date|DESC,last_name|ASC,first_name|ASC/

EARL AMANDUS HUNTER January 9, 1924 (Kaleida, MB) - January 2, 2014 (Morden, MB) Earl passed away peacefully at Boundary Trails Health Centre on January 2, 2014, just one week shy of his 90th birthday. Earl was born on the home farm near Kaleida, the youngest of seven children born to George and Christina (Simms) Hunter, where he was raised and worked with his father. He was predeceased by his first wife, Jean (Dickson) Hunter, his parents and siblings May (Kinsman), Violet (Brown), Albert, George, Charlie and Margaret (Mitchell). He is survived by his second wife, Ruth Frith, Earl and Jean's family of five and their families; Rodney and wife Colleen Hunter of Calgary, grandchildren Michael and Blair (Emily); Janet and husband Bob Boyd of Pilot Mound, grandchildren Lindy (Darcy) Davis, great-grandchildren McKenna, Leah, and Gavin of Portage La Prairie; Marnie (Tyler) Butler and great-grandson Linkyn of Portage La Prairie; grandson Darren (Kara) Boyd and great-grandchildren Mason and Ryker of Calgary. Robin and husband Sam Robinson of Binscarth, grandchildren Kristin (Dave) Barrett, great-grandchildren Morgan and Hunter of Virden, Lindsay (Justin), great-grandson Hayden of Virden; Bill and wife Lois Hunter of Powell River BC and granddaughter Amanda of Edmonton; daughter Cindy of Manitou. As with many men of his generation, he answered the call to serve his country, along with brothers George and Charlie, during the Second World War. In 1943, at age nineteen, he enlisted in the Canadian Army and was sent to England where he served in France, Holland and Belgium as a member of The Calgary Highlanders. He was later posted to the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada and saw service with occupation forces in Germany, returning home in 1946. In his retirement he returned to Europe for the 60th anniversary of D Day, which was a real highlight of his life. He always said he wanted to return to Europe to see the countryside when it hadn't been destroyed by war. Earl was a lifetime member of the Manitou Legion Branch 21. After his military service Earl obtained his mechanical papers and worked at C.P. Moore's Garage and later Pembina Motors. He also operated a Bulk fuel business for The British American Oil Company and, later, for Gulf Oil and Petro Canada, until his retirement in 1988. Dad was a very hard working man and a well respected business man in his home community of Manitou. Family and community were very important to Earl. He was very supportive of any activities his children participated in. He was involved in the Kinsman Club, past president of the Manitou Branch 21 Royal Canadian Legion, long serving treasurer of the Anglican Vestry, founding member of the Manitou Curling Club, member of Manitou Duck Club. He enjoyed his retirement years by travelling extensively, enjoying many new hobbies such as golfing, bowling, playing cribbage and pool at the friendship centre. After Jean passed away, Dad found companionship with Ruth and they enjoyed many years together. In the last number of years Earl was affected by Parkinson's disease, which he dealt with, with great strength and courage. He was a great supporter of the local chapter of the Parkinson's Society, and attended local chapter meetings... Rest in peace Dad, your work is done, you were much loved and you have left behind many footprints. An Anglican Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church in Manitou. Donations in memory of Earl can be made to St. Mary's Anglican Church, c/o Leanne Lea Box 313 Manitou ROG 1G0 or the Parkinson's Society of Manitoba or a charity of one's choice. Doyle's Funeral Home in care of arrangements.

www.doylesfuneralchapel.com

Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on January 06, 2014

George Pauls

http://www.birchwoodfuneralchapel.mb.ca/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=2373748&fh_id=10687

(January 12, 1925 - January 4, 2014) George Pauls was born January 12, 1925 , the second youngest in a family of eight brothers and two sisters, in Winkler, Manitoba. He quit school after Grade Eight to work to supplement the family income. Later in life, he completed his Grade Twelve and received his diploma.

With the onset of the Second World War, George enlisted and joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, training first as a gunner and later as infantry. He was injured in the Netherlands at age nineteen. An infection resulted in the amputation of his left hand.

After the war, George worked for a Winkler area farmer. He married Mary Funk in December of 1949 and they had five sons. He managed a coffee shop and later the Harvest Inn restaurant for almost a decade. During this time, George was active in Little League as a coach and organizer.

The family moved to Steinbach in 1965 where George took the position of Dietary, Housekeeping and Laundry Director for the Bethesda Hospital.

George was an active member of the Legion taking the post of President from 1984-1985. He was also involved in the War Amps Association of Manitoba, working many volunteer hours and being President for a time.

In 1994, George married Martha Friesen and they had 19 and a half happy years. Together, they started a seniors' league for the Fly-in Golf Course and also one for the Steinbach Curling Club. George curled in the Masters Provincials twice. He was presented with the "Curler of Distinction" award by Curl Manitoba in 2010.

George was diagnosed with congestive heart failure in 2009 and had a stroke in 2011. George passed away January 4, 2014, just a week short of his 89th birthday.

George is survived by his wife, Martha; sons Wayne (Sandee), Ken (Sandi), Lorne, Craig (Vi), and Troy (Janice). He was pre-deceased by his first wife, Mary, and all his brothers and sisters. George will be remembered as a dedicated family man, a generous community-minded individual, a fun-loving and loyal friend.

A very well attended memorial service was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Birchwood Funeral Chapel, 150 Penfeld Drive, Steinbach, Manitoba. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of George may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Jaime Swank

<http://obits.al.com/obituaries/birmingham/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=167688052>

October 22, 2013

Age 54, passed away October 22, 2013. Mr. Swank was a former Sargeant, U.S. Army, 2nd Ranger Battalion; 1st Lt. 101st Airborne. He was a beloved brother and great father. He loved his family's military service history.

He is survived by fiancé, Kathy Bolinger; son, Joshua Swank; daughter, Karlie Swank; brother, Mark Swank; and sister, Denise Estrada.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 26, 5:00 p.m. at Kilgroe Chapel.

Condolences may be offered online at www.kilgroefh.com.

Kilgroe Funeral Home-Pell City will direct the service. - See more at:

<http://obits.al.com/obituaries/birmingham/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=167688052#sthash.gF52The1.dpuf>

EDWARD ABRAHAM <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestarphoenix/obituary.aspx?pid=167814031>

Edward G. Abraham, born and raised in Saskatoon, died October 14, 2013 in San Francisco, CA at the age of 86. He is survived by son John in Freemont, CA, and daughter Kathryn of Livermore, Maine, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. He will also be missed by his special friend Leona Stilling of Saskatoon as well as her children and grandchildren,

Ed was a career military man. He served overseas with the Canadian Army and was with the Canadian forces that liberated Holland in World War II. Edward moved to the United States after the war and joined the U.S. Army. He saw duty in Korea and after retirement was called back for service during the first Gulf War. An active, proud member of the Royal Canadian Legion as well as the Royal British Legion, a gifted speaker with a great sense of humour, Edward travelled to many parts of the world, making friendships that lasted a lifetime.

Edward Abraham is laid to rest in the Canadian Army Section of Greenlawn Cemetery, Colma, San Francisco.

Published in The Saskatoon StarPhoenix on Nov. 2, 2013

Editor's Note: Ed was one of those really unique guys who got his start in the Camerons. Not mentioned in this humble obit are facts like he was a guard at the famous Nuremburg Trials of Nazi war criminals. Here are a few last looks at Ed, first as a Cameron Highlander who helped to liberate Europe, second at the Trials (Ed is easy to spot in his snowdrop suit on the right of the accused), and finally as a CWO4 of a MASH unit in 1987.



<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestarphoenix/obituary.aspx?pid=167814031#sthash.dH20WTEh.dpuf>

Donald A. A. Cannell

<http://yourlifemoments.ca/sitepages/obituary.asp?oid=730459>

CANNELL, Donald A. A. - (WW II Veteran Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada) Queen's University Grad, Chemical Engineer Class of 1951 Lifelong Engineer at Dupont Peacefully, at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital, Kingston, ON, on Friday, August 9, 2013. Beloved husband of Joan and the late Norma. Loving father of Christine

Turick, Bruce (Holly) Cannell and step children Patricia Hannah (her husband Frank Blarcharzyk) and David Hannah. Dear grandfather of 8 and great grandfather of 16. Loving brother of Eric (Kathy) Cannell and predeceased by his 8 siblings. Fondly remembered by his relatives and many friends. The interment of the urn will take place on Saturday, August 17th at 11 a.m. at Glenhaven Memorial Gardens, Glenburnie and the public visitation will be held later that day from 1 until 2 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church, 10 Union Street, Kingston, with his celebration of life at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Widow's / Widower's Supplement

There is income supplement for widows / widowers. They will mail out a form for the survivor to complete. You will need proof of marriage and his regimental number etc. and her income tax forms. If the financial situation is going badly the survivor should contact Veterans Affairs.

*** Sick & Visiting ***

Vi Miller (Russ's widow) HO'D got by to see Vi on 18 Nov 2013. She'd been to Minto for the first time in quite a while and was very favourably impressed. Also "parading" on the 11th was Aline Ludlow. Great to see them both in good form.

Archie Moore (Korea, Post SWW Cameron) – Archie is now a resident at Riverwood Square in Room #8. He enjoys company and always has a quick joke for visitors. Visitors are advised that this is a secure facility as some residents are known to wander. Be sure to be clear on how this place works or you may get to spend the night too.

Tel:(204) 275-7632

<http://www.riverwoodsquare.com/home>

1778 Pembina Highway

Winnipeg, MB

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Don Morrison (Post SWW) had ticker trouble in May 2013 with 10 days stay at the St. B Hospital. Doing Ok at home.

Tom Munro (Borneo) - not top form. Back home & getting out to Rockwood ANAF so things aren't all bad.

Ken Smith (SWW) still not in top form, but Ken is still keeping busy. He's in touch from time to time to say hi.

Roy Taylor (SWW RAF, Post SWW Cameron) Roy is at home and comfortable. He enjoys short visits but does get tired quickly.

PTSD Help Line: The toll-free number 1-855-373-8387 will be manned

by veterans who will be available on a 24-hour basis.
The callers will not be required to identify themselves.

*** President's Message ***

Steve MacMillan wishes us all a Happy New Year. He also thinks you should come out for the Church Parade if you're not too busy.

*** Vice-President's Message ***

Karen would like to wish everyone a Happy 2014.

*** Reconnect with Former Camerons ***

This is an important thing to do for the health of the Association. There are still lots of former Camerons out there that we don't know about for various reasons. Just because you or they weren't Second World War or Korea veterans doesn't make them any less important to the Cameron Association. Please help us locate them and bring them back into the fold. The ranks of the SWW guys are almost non-existent now and the torch must pass to the following generations of Camerons that we may continue to serve our fellow Camerons.

We have only about 40 paid up members at this time.

*** Where Are They Now ? ***

Glenn Fedoruk is doing really well. He is very busy with sports stuff. He feels that he has too much going on as A-Coy CSM Cal Highs. When his 3 year stint as CSM is done then he will move into the QMSI role in April which is easier on family life and commitments.

Looks like "The Danger Ranger" Capt, later LCol, Dan Drew has hung out his shingle on the Linked In web site. Good luck sir !

ALISTER "Dinty" MORE went to Veurne and did the usual remembrance ceremony. They all send their regards and we are planning a special for next year. He asks if there are any plans for a return from the Camerons ? In Jan/Feb he's off to Switzerland for a few weeks ski-ing that's if he's recovered from the usual case of self inflicted injury and fun. He wishes us well for Christmas and Hogmany and Clair and himself send their very best wishes.

How about the rest of you ? Drop us a line and let us know what you are doing !

*** 2013-14 Dues (\$10) Still Payable until Aug 2014 ***

As of any old time you can connect with Association Treasurer David Gibson (per the cover page of the Oatmeal Rag) who will take your payment. If you are not sure of your status please contact Dave and he'll either be happy to take your \$10.00 payment or be most unhappy that he doesn't get to take any money from you - yet - this year.

A quick reminder that donations over \$25 to Association done through the Cameron Foundation will be given a tax receipt !

*** Cameron Association Activities ***

100th Anniversary of the start of The Great War Bench Project

Grid: Field of Honour at Brookside Cemetery

Time: Sometime this year.

Cost: \$1500

Details: To mark the start of the 100th Anniversary of our lads going off to save civilization as they knew it, the Association has started a project to place a park bench with regimental markings on it in the Field of Honour at Brookside Cemetery.

Ours will be based on the pattern set by the staff of Brookside and similar in design to one being placed by the PPCLI to mark the same occasion. Former RSM and Association President Taffy Gray and Mr. Mitch Prudhomme are the point men on this one. They have everything nailed down except the cash.

You too can be a vital part of this project by making donations through the Cameron Foundation (to get the tax receipt you must donate at least \$25) by use of clearly marked cheques or by contacting Mr. Julian Benson of the Cameron Advisory Board.

Cameron Robbie Burn's Dinner: 25 Jan 2014

Grid: Fort Garry Hotel 7th Floor Concert Room

Time: 1800 for 1910hrs

Cost: \$75 per person

Dress: Mess Kit, Regimental Blazer, or Dark Business Suit

Cameron Robbie Burn's Dinner Jan 25, 2014 Guestroom Block Info:

The Fort Garry Hotel is pleased to confirm that we have set aside a block of guestrooms for the night of January 25, 2014 for your group at the following rates:

\$119.00 Queen, Double/Double or King Room

Rates are based on single or double occupancy. Breakfast is not included in the above rates. Guests will have the option at the time of making their reservation or on check in to indicate if they wish to have breakfast for \$10/per person or Sunday Brunch for \$25 per person included with their guestroom rate.

Rooms will be released on December 27, 2013. Any guests requiring rooms after the release date will be given the negotiated group rate based on remaining inventory.

Guests can make reservations in one of the following ways:

Telephone	204 942 8251 – Press Option 1
Toll Free	1 800 665 8088 – Press Option 1
Email	ftgarry@fortgarryhotel.com

Guests should quote group Code **10J8V4** to receive this discounted rate.

Kirk Parade: 02 Feb 2014

Grid: 1st Presbyterian Church

61 Picardy Place

Winnipeg, Canada

<http://www.firstpresbyterianwinnipeg.com/>

Time: About 0945 in the Kirk Hall normally. More to follow closer to the day.

Cost: A penny for the plate, please.



Come on, we've even saved a seat for you !

FGH Battlefield Tour of Europe for the 70th Anniversary of D-Day

At this point there seems to be 15 confirmed attendees, interest from 2 more and then others joining in while there.

The FGH are planning a battlefield tour of Europe for the 70th anniversary of D-Day. The current plan (which is still rough and being worked on) is:

Sat, 31 May 14 - fly to London

Sun, 1 Jun 14 - arrive London, check into hotel, free time

Mon, 2 Jun 14 - possible visit to either Bovington tank museum or the Allied Regt - RDG

Tue, 3 Jun 14 - the opposite of what we didn't do yesterday

Wed, 4 Jun 14 - move to Portsmouth, ceremony at Portsmouth, take overnight ferry to Ouistreham

Thu, 5 Jun 14 - free time in Caen and area

Fri, 6 Jun 14 - D-Day remembrance activities in St Aubin sur Mer, Bernieres sur Mer and Coursulles sur Mer

Sat, 7 Jun 14 - Juno Beach Center, Thaon, Carpiquet

Sun, 8 Jun 14 - Arromanches, Bayeux

Mon, 9 Jun 14 - move to Dieppe, conduct tour of Dieppe battlefield

Tue, 10 Jun 14 - move to Amiens, conduct battlefield tours of Moreuil Wood and Rifle Wood

Wed, 11 Jun 14 - Vimy Ridge tour and then move to Cambrai

Thu, 12 Jun 14 - battlefield tour of Cambrai

Fri, 13 Jun 14 - move to Paris - free time

Sat, 14 Jun 14 - free time in Paris

Sun, 15 Jun 14 - fly from Paris to Winnipeg

There will be abilities to enter and leave the trip at various points. The entry points are:

Sat, 31 May 14 in Winnipeg

Sun, 1 Jun 14 to Wed, 4 Jun 14 in London

Thu, 5 Jun 14 in Caen

Mon, 9 Jun 14 in Caen or Dieppe

Departure points are:

Mon, 9 Jun 14 in Caen

Fri, 13 Jun 14 to Sun, 15 Jun 14 in Paris

Please contact LCol (Ret'd) Dave Atwell if you wish to join this trip. For the moment, the planning figure for costs is approx \$3,800 which will cover flights, hotels, and local transportation. Meals, beverages and entertainment will be on your own above this.

If you are already planning to go on your own, we can arrange to link up at various points during the trip.

We are also attempting to coordinate this trip with other units from Winnipeg, such as the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and 411 Squadron.

dave.atwell@mtsallstream.com – is cleared for use 21 Oct 2013

Contact info for Dave Atwell will be forthcoming, or if you're in a hurry to book please contact the editor of the Oatmeal Rag (Hugh O'Donnell) and he will put you in touch.

CAMERON ASSOCIATION KIT SHOP stuff:

Stickers are \$2.00 each and Lapel Pins (3/4 Inch diameter) are \$5.00 each.

(001) Silver Badge on Blue, adhesive backing.

(003) Blue Badge on Silver, adhesive backing.

(005) Blue/Silver Badge on Clear, adhesive on face side for glass.



The pictures were taken on a red background to try to highlight the different styles of sticker. The sticker on the right is on a transparent background sheet, hence it looks red. They will be available at the Cameron Museum on Tuesday nights from Mike Nickerson or from the website.

*** Regimental Web Sites ***

The Unit web site is still up running. The links have recently had a much needed going over (Jan 2014) and most should now function properly. You can find it at:

<http://thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/>

Our Picasaweb site is also worth a look and is full of little details about our history. It has recently had a few new (Jan 2014) albums added. You can now take a bit of a virtual tour of the Cameron Memorial Chapel and see some of the artifacts held by the Cameron Museum:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/117042978234752447737?gsessionid=214fhFnicaBQw1UpIRMSlw>

We have had a few requests through the unit web site for information from families. If anybody can help out with them please do so:

From: Patricia <patriciag@rainyday.ca>

Sent: Mon Dec 30 20:21:10 CST 2013

To: hodonnell@draega.net

Subject: Information on Privat Marcel Gendreau H14711

Good evening,

My name is Patricia Gendreau, niece of Marcel Gendreau. I am searching to find information/documents of registration, discharge papers and other documents pertinent to Marcel who was born March 29, 1925 and died April 30 1992. He is interred in the Richer Cemetery in Richer Manitoba. I am interested also about his dress uniform and combat uniform: what did this include?

I am also interested to know what his troop's role was in the Second World War: where they went, what was their mission, what was the final outcome. Marcel also went to a concentration camp....perhaps Korea or Germany not sure....perhaps about 8 months.

Marcel was my godfather and as the volunteer family archivist I would like for his story to be known. If you do not have such information could you please refer me to some resources: books etc?

Any assistance which could be provided would be greatly appreciated.

He received the 1939-1945 Star Medals and the France-Germany Star.

During his life he always maintained a silence towards his war experience. His mental health was affected as he lived with depression or post traumatic stress syndrome.

Patricia Gendreau, 1-204-422-6880

patriciag@rainyday.ca

From: Gillian Taylor Shaw gilliantaylorshaw@hotmail.com

To: <hodonnell@draega.net>

Date: Thu, 14 Nov 2013 10:46:38 +0000

Subject: Cameron Highlanders of Canada WW11

Good Morning,

I wonder whether you are able to advise me where I might gain any information on soldiers who served with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada during WW11. I have been trying to trace a John Cloutier thought to have served in the regiment during this period and served in South East England around the Brighton / Newhaven area, I understand the Cameron Highlanders were stationed in this area but I have no idea whether the entire force was located there and whether John Cloutier was amongst the men who did spend some time in England. Any help would be gratefully received.

There is a plaque at Newhaven commemorating the stay in the area by the Camerons during the war. It is located at Newhaven Fort and a photograph is available on the following link:

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/29773/Plaque-The-Queens-Own-Cameron-Highlanders-of-Canada.htm>

The fort itself is still very much used today:

<http://www.newhavenfort.org.uk/history.htm>

Kind regards

Gillian

*** Unit Events ***

Regiment: The next Regimental level event is the Cameron WO's & Sgt's Robbie Burns Dinner. The Cameron Kirk Parade is the next big FREE event coming up. Well, nearly free. A penny for the plate's not a bad price for tea and some goodies and that's to say nothing of a chance to tour the Cameron Chapel on the north side of the Kirk itself. Hope to see as many of you as possible there !

Battalion: The CO has been busy with the changes in staff at the Bn. Hopefully things will work smoothly for all concerned. Brigade has directed that a number of exercises be run by the Bn. Should make for some interesting training opportunities.

"A" Company Update:

"A" Coy has been busy conducting the usual Section and Platoon training. This should square nicely with the Brigade intent to get at least one field firing ex done sometime this year.

Pipes & Drums Update:

The tempo has increased this fall for the Pipes & Drums. Gigs including the Officer's Mess Dinner, the Minto 100th Anniversary, a visit from the Reserve Band Advisor, and we provided pipers for the St. Andrew's Society St. Andrew's day celebrations at the end of November. This included a performance at the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg's Kirk parade at 1st Presbyterian Church on Dec 1, 2013.

Remembrance Day parade was well attended with all tasks complete (including post 11am activities). December saw the Men's Dinner and we rang in the New Year proper at the Regimental Levee on January 1st.

“Left Foot” Da Silva was promoted to Corporal. Cpl Al Lancaster was named Corporal of the Year and will now be referred to as such for the remainder of 2014. For a small entry fee, you can watch the Pipes & Drums play in competition at the Winnipeg Scottish Festival on Saturday February 15, 2014 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. 1pm start.

*** Regimental Advisory Board Notes ***

The Advisory Board continues to provide sound advice to the CO on all matters Cameron in “interesting times”. Of particular note is that the HLCol mr. Nick Logan has made arrangements to have 36 pairs of skis available to the extended Cameron family, but mainly the Cadets.

*** Cameron Cadet Events ***

From Captain Kerry Walker, DCO of The Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada Cadets comes a reminder that those who wish to join the corps can do so at any just about any time, summer and Christmas break excepted. The routine is to come in on a Thursday night with birth certificate and MB medical card in hand to do the processing.

The cadets are training young pipers and drummers, as well as participating in the various sports events at HMCS Chippawa on the 18th of Jan 2014.

Regimental Reinforcements:

CSM James Clark and his wife Tanya had a baby boy – Connor Cameron Thomson Clark at 0507 hrs December 17, 2013. The Toronto Maple Leafs have a new fan too !



No worries about that cool Wpg breeze Conner, Daddy's got your kilt ordered from the RQMS already. Shrek sized, naturally.

Light Humour from Len DeCosse (SWW Cameron Mortar PL, then Sigs

The geek shall inherit the earth.

Virtual reality is its own reward.

*** Regimental Events ***

Incoming Rounds:

Cameron JR's Sports Gear 2013 – The lads have been busy coming up with some new ideas for gear. Here's a sample or two:



The Duffel is 55L; approx price \$50. The Baseball shirt is 100% cotton; approx price \$25. The hoodie will be approx \$45.

Please forward any other ideas or requests you'd like to see to us.

Ullamh,
Nic Curry

Rounds Completed:

Nic Curry, the eminence gris of the Cameron JR's, let us know about this event on 06 Nov 2013:

“Great job for those guys who made it out to the Siloam Mission tonight to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Stay tuned for information on the next volunteer event; Christmas Cheerboard hamper delivers on 13 December before Cameron Carolling. I expect the same enthusiasm and camaraderie experienced tonight. Thank you to Siloam Mission as our hosts and the great work that the volunteers and staff do there every day.”

Job well done guys !!!

Remembrance Day Parade, Minto Armouries 11 Nov 2013

Although the 38 Sigs Regt were the Unit “running the show” this year they used a few ringers from a noted Highland Unit based in Wpg to make sure their first kick at it in years went well. More specifically they borrowed our HCol Bob Vandewater to give the address. This is what he had to say:

VETERANS, OFFICERS, ALL MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN FORCES FAMILY, SPECIAL GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

IT IS MY DISTINCT HONOUR TO BE THE REVIEWING OFFICER, ON THIS, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DAY IN OUR MILITARY CALENDAR.

TODAY IS THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMISTANCE SIGNED AT THE END OF WORLD WAR ONE –THE WAR TO END ALL WARS.

CANADIANS HAVE SET ASIDE THIS DAY THE 11 HOUR OF THE 11TH DAY OF THE 11TH MONTH AS A SPECIAL TIME OF REMEMBRANCE. NOT TO GLORY IN WAR, AS SOME SUGGEST, FOR THERE IS NO GLORY, JUST SACRIFICE. WE REMEMBER AND HONOUR THE FALLEN, THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICES MADE BY THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CANADIAN FORCES IN CONFLICTS OVER PAST DECADES THROUGHT THE WORLD. EACH ONE OF US HAS HAD SOME CONNECTION TO CASUALTIES OF WAR.

WORLD WAR ONE DEFINED CANADA AS A NATION. MORE THAN 66,000 CANADIANS LOST THEIR LIVES AND 170,000 WERE WOUNDED. FOR A

SMALL POPULATION, WE MORE THAN DID OUR SHARE IN DEFENCE OF OUR FREEDOM.

THIS IS THE 68TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO. OF ABOUT 1 MILLION CANADIANS SERVING, 47,000 LOST THEIR LIVES IN THIS HORRIFIC CONFLICT. FROM 1950 -53, 26,000 CANADIANS PARTICIPATED IN THE U.N. INTERVENTION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.

MORE THAN 500 CANADIANS DIED IN THIS CONFLICT. MANY SURVIVORS OF THIS WAR ARE HERE TODAY. WE CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR YOUR COURAGE IN THE FACE OF BATTLE, IN THE DEFENCE OF FREEDOM OF DEMOCRACY HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD.

AS THE CONFLICT FOR CANADA WINDS DOWN IN AFGHANISTAN, WE ARE GREATFULL THAT THE LOSSES, THOUGH TRAGIC THEY WERE NOT OF THE PROPORTIONS OF EARLIER WARS. ONE DEATH IS TOO MANY 158, A TRADEGY.

I WAS PRIVLEDGED TO BE A SPECIAL GUEST OF THE MILITARY IN AGHANISTAN IN 2009. MEMBERS OF THE CFLC, CANADIAN FORCES LIASON COUNCIL TRSVELLED THERE TO INTERACT WITH RESERVISTS. THERE WAS A BALCKOUT ON ALL COMMUNICATIONS. THERE HAD BEEN A CASUALTY, AND THE FAMILY HAD TO BE NOTIFIED FIRST SO, THERE COULD BE NO COMMUNICATIONS

PERMITTED. LATER WE WERE ASKED IF WE WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE INA RAMP CEREMONY, BRINGING BACK THE BODY OF TROOPER GOOD WHO WAS KILLED BY AN IED, IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. WE FORMED UP WITH THE TROOPS ON THE TARMAC AND MARCHED TO THE HERCULESE AIRCRAFT CARRYING THE BODY OF THE SLAIN SOLDIER. THIS WAS AN IMMENSLEY MOVING MOMENT. A RUGGED SERGEANT WAS STANDING BESIDE ME. I SAW A TEAR ROLL DOWN HIS CHEEK; IT WAS AN INCREDIBLE MOMENT WHICH I REMEMBER AS IF IT WERE YESTERDAY.

NEARLY 30,000 CANADIAN FORCES HAVE SERVED IN THAT WAR, AND OUR REPUTATION WITH OUR ALLIES IS THAT WE WERE THE CLASS OF THE FIELD, AN ALLY THEY PREFERRED TO FIGHT BESIDE.

SADLY, WAR HAS BECOME A PART OF OUR EVERYDAY LIVES. WE WITNESS IT FROM A DISTANCE ON TELEVISION AND COMPUTER

MONITORS. THE CARNAGE AND BLOODSHED SO MANY HAD HOPED AND PRAYED WOULD END WITH THE FIRST

ARMISTICE DAY WHICH WAS DECLARED IN 1919 HAS CONTINUED WITH TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES. THE LOSSES TO OUR COLLECTIVE HUMANITY HAS BEEN DEVISTATING.

TODAY WE CAN REFLECT ON CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEACE OF THE WORLD AND REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE FOR PEACE, FOR FREEDOM AND FOR CANADA.

THE SUCCESSES OF OUR MILITARYARE SIGNIFICANT. OUR FORCES ARE WELL TRAINED, PROFESSIONAL AND MATURE. BUT DESPITE ALL OF THAT, NO ONE WHO HAS TAKEN PART IN THESE ARMED CONFLICTS REMAINS UNTOUCHED. SOME OF THE WOUNDS ARE OBVIOUS BUT MANY WOUNDS ARE UNSEEN. THOSE WHO SERVED DESERVE OUR CONTINUING SUPPORT, EVEN THOUGH THEIR ENGAGEMENT IN THE CONFLICT HAS ENDED. WE OWE A GREAT DEBT TO OUR VETERANS WHO HAVE PRESERVED OUR FREEDOM, OUR DEMOCRACY, THE RULE OF LAW, AND THE ENSHRINED RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

IT IS THE VETERAN, NOT THE PREACHER, WHO HAS GIVEN US THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION.

IT IS THE VETERAN, NOT THE REPORTER, WHO HAS GIVEN US THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

IT IS THE VETERAN, NOT THE POET, WHO HAS GIVEN US THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

IT IS THE VETERAN, NOT THE CAMPUS ORGANIZER, WHO HAS GIVEN US THE FREEDOM TO ASSEMBLE.

IT IS THE VETERAN, NOT THE LAWYER, WHO HAS GIVEN US THE RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL.

IT IS THE VETERAN, NOT THE POLITICIAN, WHO HAS GIVEN US THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

IT IS THE VETERAN, WHO SALUTES THE FLAG.

IT IS THE VETERAN WHO SERVES UNDER THE FLAG, TO BE BURIED BY THE FLAG, SO THE PROTESTER CAN BURN THE FLAG.

TO THE VETERANS HERE TODAY- THANK YOU FOR SHARING THIS DAY WITH US. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO YOUR COUNTRY AND THANK YOU TO YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO SUPPORTED YOU THEN AND NOW. WE ARE IMMENSELY PROUD OF YOU ALL.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE.

THANK YOU.

November 11, 2013

Thanks for making us look good sir !

Mens Dinner 2013 – CSM James Clark tells me that the following have distinguished themselves. In a good way that is !

Russ Miller Award - MCpl Bernier

Soldier Of The Year - Cpl Taylor

Cpl Of The Year - Cpl Lancaster

Highland Levee 01 Jan 2014 – was it's usual good time. The LT. Governor of MB graced the proceedings as usual too. Great time and great scotch enjoyed by all.

*** Links ***

The Marine Auster Patrolling System

Thanks to Rob Bonnett for this one.

<http://www.hqmc.marines.mil/News/NewsArticleDisplay/tabid/3488/Article/146302/marine-austere-patrolling-system-undergoing-field-tests.aspx>

The Marine Auster Patrolling System's (MAPS) vest power manager (VPM-402) connects and manages multiple, tactical power requirements through a single interface. MAPS is a technology being developed at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division for the Marine Expeditionary Energy Office. The system improves the sustainability of dismounted Marines on patrol by providing them with a central energy source, a wearable solar panel and a water filtration system.

Editor's Note: And will actually be mainly used to recharge cell phones and gaming platforms on EX no doubt.

*** Historical Notes ***



Not to us either. Some of us still even fondly recall RSM Nick Oshanski and his Presidential Unit Citation badge on his best tunic. And the odd Patricia Sgt who demanded to know how he came about it. "Young man, I was at Kapyong, how about you?"

Editor's Note: I sometimes really enjoy reading my email. Here's why. Cameron vets of the Second World War are still getting some nice thank yous.

Sure beats another viagra email ad.

Dear Mister or Mrs,

My name is Ben Tops and I am 60 years old and live in the Netherlands. This week my sisters published a book with the memories of our mother. She lived in Netterden on a farmhouse called "de Schriek". Nearby the German border. The book counts 158 pages and a part of her memories reviews the war period. My mom died at the age of 90 years old in 2004. As I read the book yesterday I saw her writing down a name of one of the commanders of The Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada. His name is Dennis W. Sweeting.

He was with a group of 300 soldiers on his way to Germany. The group stayed for a couple of days on the farm.

I wondered if your organization has a file with this information and if we could personally thank for the brave men who saved my mom and her family.

As a family we would be very obliged if you could send us some information.

Kind regards,

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the Netherlands
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Editor's Note: You can read the Cameron version of this battle in Oatmeal Rag #6.

*** More Links ***

"I feel that organized crime groups pose a greater risk to each one of us on a daily basis than terrorists or the Taliban." - photojournalist [Louie Palu](#)

<http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2013/11/one-photojournalists-view-of-mexicos-violent-drug-war/100624/>

VAC Cameron link

http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/feature/dieppe/history/queens_highlanders

National Defence

<http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/>

38 CBG

<http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/38-cbg/index.page>

LFWA is now 3rd Canadian Division HQ

<http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/western/index.page?>

Canadian Army

<http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/index.page?>

Royal Regt of Scotland MoD site

<http://www.army.mod.uk/infantry/regiments/23992.aspx>

Editor's Note: Could this survey be where some of the next bad ideas come from ?

The *Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Primary Reserve Retention Survey* was administered to Primary Reserve (PRes) members in the fall of 2012. This survey was used to assess your attitudes and perceptions along a range of work and organizational factors and their impact on retention and attrition. A sample of 1,786 PRes personnel from the Army, Navy and Air Force completed the survey.

Survey Results

- Just over one-quarter of PRes personnel reported working outside the CAF. Among those who were working outside the CAF, the majority were employed full-time. A small proportion of all PRes personnel were

attending school and just over half of these were in school on a full-time basis.

- When asked about leaving the ResF, 13.5% of PRes members said they definitely intend to leave within *three years*. The top three reasons given for leaving the ResF were the perception that there are too few opportunities in the reserves, followed by a desire to join the RegF, and the perception there is more money in the civilian workforce.
- Overall, the results of this survey were positive. In particular, survey results showed that PRes personnel felt strongly connected to the ResF, were satisfied with their roles as reservists, and were fully involved in their reservist careers. Personnel also reported high levels of satisfaction with the family support they received from the CAF, with their immediate leadership, and they perceived that they were treated fairly in their units. PRes personnel also reported good work-life balance and success in balancing their civilian and military roles well.
- However, there were some areas with which there was only moderate satisfaction, with potential room for improvement. For example, there was only moderate satisfaction with perceptions of career management, career progression and training. In particular it was perceived there is a lack of opportunity for future promotions and career training. There were also some concerns with pay and benefits, specifically reservist pay when compared to the pay received in the RegF. Finally, perceived organizational support, organizational trust and satisfaction with senior leadership were moderate, with some room for improvement.

Thank you again to all of you who took the time to provide your views on the issues assessed in the CAF PRes Retention Survey! A comprehensive report documenting the full results of 2012 PRes Retention Survey will soon be available.

The results of this survey have already been communicated to your senior leadership including the Chief Reserves and Cadets, Director Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers, Director Reserves, Canadian Forces Liaison Council, Commander Naval Reserve, Director General Naval Personnel, Director Air Reserve and Director General Land Staff. The input you provided is being carefully considered by leadership for future programming and policy decisions.

*** “It wouldn’t be an Oatmeal Rag w/o a Wee Joke” (Russ Miller) ***

Thanks to Dunc Anderson

There is hope for all of us.

As we get older we sometimes begin to doubt our ability to "make a difference" in the world. It is at these times that our hopes are boosted by the remarkable achievements of other "seniors" who have found the courage to take on challenges that would make many of us wither. Harold Ramsbottom is such a person:

"I've often been asked, 'What do you do now that you're retired?'

Well...I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background and one of the things I enjoy most is converting beer, wine, and whisky into urine.

It's rewarding, uplifting, satisfying and fulfilling. I do it every day and I really enjoy it."
Harold is an inspiration to us all !

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