

The Guards Star

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Message from the President

MWO Marty Lane, CD (Retd)

While the summer was just great it was much too short. You know it is just about over when planning for the coming training year begins. This also means that the executive of the Regimental Association is planning for the reunion weekend.

This year it is a little later than usual which is due to a number of various factors which the CO and I have been trying to plan around. We have finally come to an acceptable date which is November 26-27. The application form for the dinner with all the information pertaining to the Dinner is attached. Your mess president will have tickets available for both the meet and greet on Friday evening and the dinner on Saturday evening and there will also be tickets available in the Regimental Museum.

I wish to remind all members of the Regiment that their attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the Association would be appreciated, as you are all members of the Association. It's at this meeting that major decisions and elections take place. As I have stated before in this column this is your Association and that if you have any input as to what you would like to see as far as planning is concerned to please let the executive know your interests.

At this time I assume that all members that were on courses and Ceremonial Guard during the summer are back home. It is hoped that all did well on their respective courses in true Guards fashion and did the Regiment proud.

Hoping to see you all at the Association Weekend. Up the Guards!

Message from the LCol Comd

LCol Derek Cheff, CD, AdeC

Fellow Guardsman,

For me, the end of a long hot summer was punctuated last Tuesday night with the Command Team backbriefs, where we refined this year's operations plan and confirmed final direction for the new training year.

Looking back at the busy summer season, the successes of the summer were apparent through the high number of tasks, including the Regiment's contribution to OP Cadence and Ceremonial Guard.

Locally, I witnessed and was regularly notified of the high standard of Ceremonial Guard in executing Summer Public Duties. Those personnel on OP Cadence were given a unique opportunity to conduct interesting and relevant training for domestic contingency operations. I can report that all members of the Regiment acquitted themselves admirably in the execution of the wide range of duties and training this summer. Well done!

Looking forward to events this fall, the tempo is packed as usual, particularly in September.

For serving members, the Individual Battle Task Weekend is merged with Junior Ranks Inclearance on 10-12 September. This will be the first required attendance event for this September. Other events this fall will be the Unit Training Day and Army Run on 19 September, where all are encouraged to participate (You can register online).

For several years, Afghanistan has been the primary focus of our training and force generation efforts. This year is a bit different. While we currently have no known large scale operational deployments on the horizon, we will be prepared for short notice and no notice tasks - both at the individual and unit level, with a focus on training for offensive operations

I think that most of you are aware of the tragic Canada Day car accident that took the life of Officer Cadet Maureen Brehm of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, and seriously injured two other officers, including Officer Cadet James Benning. All members were on the Officer Common Army Phase Training in Aldershot, NS. Mister Benning's recovery has been quite remarkable; he is now at home after the three-week hospital stint in Halifax that followed the accident. He has told me that he will be on the ground, but on light duties for inclearance. Mister Benning had great support from the system, his course mates, his own family and the Regimental family, and we will continue to ensure that this support remains in place.

Marty Lane and I have had lengthy discussions about the timing and scope of the Fall Association Weekend, with view to maximizing interest and increasing participation. For a variety of reasons, we have settled on the Weekend of 26-27 November. With this date, we hope the bulk of our redeploying soldiers will be back to participate, and the Regiment will make special efforts to bring in our older Veterans to participate where they can. We will continue to beat the drum throughout the Fall to get you all out to this important event.

Her Excellency's term as Governor General will end on 1 October. On that day, Mr. David Johnson will be appointed Canada's 28th Governor General. While the details are not finalized, expect the Regiment to provide the customary Guard of Honour on 1 October, in addition to other associated activities in advance of that day. To do this, I need serving members to manage their calendars accordingly. The Governor General designate is a man of many talents. Aside from his academic and philanthropic achievements, he is also an exceptional athlete. We are already working to ensure that he is well-informed on his future position as Colonel of the Regiment.

I hope you take the time to enjoy this last quiet week of summer and I look forward to seeing all of you back at the Drill Hall this September.

Message from the RSM

CWO A.W.G. McKenzie, CD

One of the more enjoyable duties of being a Guards Sergeant Major is presenting the regimental cap star to newly qualified Guardsmen upon completion of their DP1 Infantry course. I had the honour of attending two graduation ceremonies this past summer in Meaford and welcoming 15 new Guardsmen into the fold. One of the points I emphasized to the soldiers was that with 29 years of service, with numerous adventures throughout, one of the proudest moments was the day I was presented my cap star. It is more than simply a regimental identifier. It represents the first significant step in your military career and officially recognizes your place in the regimental family. It represents 138 years of history and sacrifice that the new Guardsmen and all those that place the Guards Star on their beret are expected to live up to. At the time of printing I have read just about all the course reports from the various courses that our Guardsmen and Musicians participated in this past summer and I can assure the regimental family that they are indeed performing to a Guards standard.

I am sure that you will all read within this edition of the Guards Star of the passing of one of our former Master Corporals, Mike Touchette. He was a stalwart member of the regimental shooting team and a mentor to many of our "tyros" who often went on to significant results within the shooting world. He will be missed.

Finally I hope to see many of the regimental family when we once again get together for the annual Regimental Association Weekend on November 26 and 27. It is definitely one of the highlights of the training year.

Notes from the Band

LCol Fran Chilton-Mackay, OMM, MSM, CD

With almost half of the band tasked to the Band of the Ceremonial Guard this past summer, the Regimental band was able to enjoy some down

time following five successful nights as the feature band at the RCMP Sunset Ceremonies in June and the annual trek to Kingston for the Army Operations Course Mess Dinner at Fort Frontenac. With three Guards officers on the course we were able to have some fun with them. Capt Morgan Hladik did an excellent karaoke rendition of "New York, New York" with the band that evening!!

September is in our midst and the band will be once again be gearing up for a busy fall, most notably kicked off by the Army Mess Dinner hosted by the new Commander of the Army, LGen Devlin and the Mayor of Ottawa on Friday September 19th; the awards ceremony at Connaught Ranges for the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition and awarding of the Queen's Medal on Saturday September 20th; and at the start line for 15,000 runners at the 3rd Annual Army Run on Sunday September 21st.

The band has once again been asked to perform the anthems at the Sens home opener on Friday October 8th. Other important engagements this fall will be the 33 Brigade Commander's Conference in North Bay on October 23rd and the Vimy Dinner at the Canadian War Museum on November 19th. In our sites as well, will be our annual Christmas Concert at St Joseph's Parish in Orleans on Sunday December 12th.

At the time of print several members from other Reserve Bands in Toronto and Montreal have requested to be attach posted to our band as they attend school in Ottawa this fall. This summer MWO Terry Hoyle retired at the ripe age of 60 from the Canadian Forces. The band was fortunate enough to have Terry with us for the past three years after he retired from the Regular Force band branch. We wish him well and hope he will return to the band as an Associate member in the near future. Sgt Matt Spencer has moved to Edmonton and has transferred to the Loyal Edmonton Band. Matt has been our principal (and only) Euphonium player for several years now and is a superb musician. We will certainly miss him and his invaluable service with our instrument and uniform stores. Cpl Travis Mandel will be attach posting to the 34 Brigade band in Montreal so he can pursue a

Master's Degree in trumpet at McGill University this coming year.

We look forward to a busy fall and appreciate the continued support of the Regiment and Regimental family.



From the Investiture Reception for the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards held at Rideau Hall on Friday May 7th, 2010

Cpl Lisa Bebyck, Cpl Gabriel Bouchard, HEGG, Cpl Mitch Cousineau, MCpl Rob McKinnon - members of the GGFG Jazz Combo

CEREMONIAL GUARD 2010

MWO. David B. Rennie, CD

The Ceremonial Guard season is now over for another year but there have been changes that many thought would never happen. CWO Tom Peet has moved on; he decided that after 29 years, it

was time to say goodbye to the Ceremonial Guard. Tom has moved back to Halifax and will be working closely with the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo. When he is not doing that, he will be employed with the King's Edgehill Private School as the Officer Commanding their Cadet Programme.

The Regiment filled positions within the Guard for the 2010 season, most notably was the Assistant Drum Major position. This was filled by Sgt Luc Joly, who did an exceptional job and did replace Tom Peet early in the 2010 season, not just being the CQMS for the Band of the Ceremonial Guard, but being the CSM. He did well - he did an outstanding job - well done Luc.

The Ceremonial Guard will continue no matter what, faces come and go but the mission will remain the same - that of Public Duties - the task itself requires much attention to detail. As for the DSgt Ceremonial Guard he is now the Drum Major Ceremonial Guard, but rest assured he will not still be doing this job in 29 years time.

Well done to all members of the Regiment, the Musicians and Soldiers who were tasked to the Ceremonial Guard for 2010 hope to see you in 2011.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GGFG REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

JA Summerfield, Secretary

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in September 2009, it was proposed that the Association adopt the Roberts' Rules of Order as the template for the conduct of meetings. An

outline of **Roberts' Rules of Order** can be found at the following link

- <http://www.afcs.ca/PDF/RobertsRules1.pdf>.

In accordance with the amending provisions in the By-Laws (Article 36), the following proposed amendment to Article 13 Order of Business is put forward for the membership to for their consideration:

1. It is proposed that paragraph 13.1 be amended to read (proposed amendment underlined)–

“All General Meetings will follow Robert's Rule of Order and should be conducted in the following order:”

These proposed amendments will be discussed at the AGM and be put forward for adoption.

**DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER 2010
GUARDS STAR IS NOVEMBER 22, 2010**

Memorials and Tributes

Estelle Lane

Armstrong, Gdsm Elburn E. – C58575

In Orillia, Ontario on March 11, 2009, at the age of 83. He served with 21 CAR(GGFG)

Cann, Gdsm Edwin W. – F97951

In Sydney, N.S. on November 3, 2009 at the age of 88. He served with 21 CAR(GGFG)
(Both found in the Sep-Oct Legion Magazine)

Bowles, Major (retd) Kenneth

At home in Kingston, Ontario, after a lengthy illness, on Friday June 18, 2010 at the age of 83. Ken joined the Regiment in 1954 and served until 1968. He was a Life Member of the Foot Guards Association

Touchette, MCpl (retd) Michel George

Peacefully on July 31, 2010, at the age of 61. Mike served 2 tours in Vietnam with the American Army and upon his return rejoined the Regiment. He was very active as a member of the Regimental Shooting Team.

Watters, Captain (retd) Ronald Percy

On August 13, 2010 after a long fight with Parkinson's disease. Ron joined the Regiment in 1951 as a Guardsman and commissioned in 1958 until his retirement in 1963. He was a Life Member of the Foot Guards Association.

Swan, Veronica

Passed away peacefully in Ottawa on August 20, 2010. Veronica was the sister of Joe Pelisek, Past President and Life Member of the Foot Guards Association.

*May their souls and the souls of all
the departed, rest in peace*

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