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GOVERNOR GENERAL'S HORSE GUARDS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Summer 2016

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MAJOR ERIC CONSTANTINIDES  
1929 - 1986



## President's Message

over the past year as well as special tributes to our fallen comrades Maj Eric Constantinides and Sgt Earl "Jiggs" Harlock. In addition, frequent contributor, WO Garry Smith takes a retrospective look at the changes in the Canadian Military and the Regiment in his article entitled "Years of Future Past". All of this plus our regular features, photos and the magic of our Webmaster/Editor Sgt Colin Rowe!

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events: the Armoured Corps Golf Tournament (July 22), the 95th Annual Warriors' Day Parade (August 20), the Association fall Route Recce (September 24), Change of RSM (October), and the Memorial Dinner, Church Parade and Memorial Ceremony at York Cemetery (November 4, 6 and 11).

Have a safe and relaxing summer! I look forward to seeing you at our fall events.

Nulli Secundus

Craig Anhorn  
President

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As I sit here preparing my first introduction to the Summer edition of Regimental Lines, I cannot believe what a busy spring we've had, culminated by a tremendously successful trip to Europe with dedication of Memorials for the Somme Campaign (at Flers-Courcelette) and Mount Sorrel, and participation in the Menin Gate Ceremony (Colin promises a special edition which is already in the works!).

In this edition we have the Commanding Officer's "penultimate message" (as he calls it) to the Regiment capturing the accomplishments



## 4 CMRA UPDATE

On September 17th the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles Association delivered one hundred (100) Governor Generals Horse Guards cap badges to both the 748 and 2402 GGHG Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps. This was done at no cost to the cadet corps themselves.

We are proud to be able to live up to our mandate of supporting the Regimental Family and to help to uphold the traditions of the Regiment. Captain Bedford, CO of the 2402 commented "this means everything to a cadet who gets their first GGHG cap badge".

Due to changes in the army supply system the Regiment can no longer easily supply the corps with their cap badges, the 4 CMRA is proud to be able to step in and help in cases such as this. Our army cadets, as a lot of us have served in either one of these cadet corps, are an important part of the Regimental Family as they represent our future.

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# In Memoriam

*We wish to convey our heartfelt condolences in acknowledging the recent passing of the following:*

**CONSTANTINIDES, Major Eric** - passed away suddenly,



on Monday, February 15, 2016 at the Lakeridge Health Centre in Port Perry, at age 86. Eric received his Queen's Commission in 1959 and joined the Governor General's Horse Guards. In 1968 he became the Commanding Officer of the GGHG Cavalry Squadron, a position he held for three different terms until his retirement in 1995. In aggregate, he has been the

longest serving Cavalry Squadron Commander since World War II. He is survived by his wife Carolyn (Kurtz) of Sunderland and his son Brian Constantinides and his wife Janine Hammond of Port Perry.

**HARLOCK, Sgt Earl "Jiggs"** - passed away on February



18 at the Hillsdale Terrace Nursing Home in Oshawa at age 97. Jiggs considered himself an "Original Horse Guard" in that he enlisted at the University Avenue Armoury to join the Regiment in 1940 at age 22. Jiggs and friends from the Oshawa Motor Cycle Club, joined the military to be part of what they thought was going to be a Motor Cycle Squadron but soon found themselves in tanks. In keeping with his

wishes, Jiggs was cremated and there were no other funeral arrangements. He is survived by his children Robert (Nancy) and Scott (Katie) and daughter Jo Ann (Robert) all of Comox, BC.

**MACDONALD, Dorothy Margaret (nee OSBORNE)** -



in her 91st year, Dorothy passed away on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at River Glen Haven Nursing Home, Sutton. Dorothy, was the mother of GGHG Association Vice-President Capt. Brian MacDonald and his sisters Pam and Sandy. She grew up in the Beachs area of Toronto, (Queen and Woodbine) and moved to East York with Tommy, then in later years spent

time between Oshawa with her son Brian and daughter Sandy and Pefferlaw with daughter Pam. Dorothy was an avid lawn bowler, bridge player and genealogist and in later years kept her mind active and her wit sharp with crossword puzzles and cryptograms. Funeral service was held in the chapel of Pine Hills Cemetery, 625 Birchmount Road, at St. Clair, Scarborough, Tuesday, April 5th.



**PATTERSON, CWO Scott Frederick "Paddy"** - passed away on

February 10, 2016, surrounded by friends and family after a brave battle with cancer. Scott was a currently serving member of 32 Brigade Headquarters, Battle School, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and Toronto EMS. He is survived by his sister Ann Ward (Frank), brother Brian (Lesley), twin brother Bruce (Paula) and brother Mark (Denise). A proud member of the Toronto Militia for 38 years, Scott's funeral service was held at Moss Park Armoury in Toronto on February 20, 2016. RL



## CHANGE OF RSM PARADE

October 2016

Look for details in the  
Next issue of Regimental Lines  
and

On the GGHG Association Website  
[www.gghgassociation.com](http://www.gghgassociation.com)



## COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

**T**his is the penultimate article that I write as your Commanding Officer. Historically, this is when the Command Team begins reflecting on what has been accomplished and are astounded by the changes that have occurred during the tenure. Mr. Anderson and I will continue to look forward; forward to where the Horse Guards Family can go; forward to where the Regiment will go. What is this vision and where will we go, together?

We will continue our quest to remember those that have gone before us. A significant milestone was achieved through the great efforts of Colonel Jay Claggett, who singlehand-

edly spearheaded plans this past May for the Centenary trip to mark the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles actions of World War One. This trip allowed attendees and some serving members to visit historic sites one hundred years later after the majority of the 1914 members of the Governor General's Body Guard and Mississauga Horse departed as part of 4CMR.

We marked the 90th birthday of our Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada on the 24th of April at York University. This was a fabulous concert, featuring our Regimental Band and the vocals of Ms. Ruth Ann Onley, our former Lieutenant-Governor's partner. It was truly a great event to honour our Colonel-in-Chief and bring together the Regimental Family in a unique way.

We also brought pomp and circumstance to what would otherwise be an unruly brawl by gracing the other regiments with our presence at a celebration that the Colonel of Guards, His Excellency David Johnston, hosted at Rideau Hall on the 14th of May. It was a great afternoon in Ottawa having 25 members from each of the following organizations on parade: the Royal Military College of Canada, the Gover-

nor General's Horse Guards, the Governor General's Foot Guards, and the Canadian Grenadier Guards. This was the first time in living memory that His Excellency would have his Regiments together at once. There are plans afoot to have this occur again and again.

As a Regiment, we will take advantage of the recent changes to our national defence spending that allow us to purchase select ceremonial accoutrements at public expense. This will allow us to parade in our ceremonial uniforms when the government requests it and not have to fund it from the Trust, Society or Association. This will be an interesting project to continue. Captain Kevin Brady and the entire Ceremonial Stores team have been working with the Department of History and Heritage for two years in pre-work for this.

We will continue to build our leaders of tomorrow. Junior Leaders are the heart of the Regiment and we will continue to send soldiers onto courses to build the future Sergeants-Major and Officers Commanding. Without you taking the training courses, you will not have a chance to step forward and be the senior leaders of tomorrow. There is amazing talent and potential within the Regiment and both the RSM and I know that the Regiment will continue to be well led into the future.

This great Regimental Family will continue to move forward of many fronts, building on our strengths. It has been my privilege to lead you at this time of change and I continue to be humbled by the efforts that each of you put forth. You are, and continue to all be, Second To None.

Nulli Secundus  
*Christopher M. Stewardson*  
**Lieutenant Colonel**  
**Commanding Officer**



Ms. Ruth Ann Onley, featured at the 90th Birthday Concert along with the York University vocal choir.



# EARL HARLOCK

## 1918 - 2015



On February 18, the Governor General's Horse Guards lost its oldest surviving Veteran, Earl "Jiggs" Harlock; who died at the Hillsdale Terrace Nursing Home in Oshawa where he had resided for the past two years. He was 97.

It was around 2010 that Jiggs rediscovered his Regiment and like so many Veterans who returned from the War, his life was consumed with working at the General Motors plant in Oshawa and raising a family with his wife Tammy. In retrospect, we perhaps have his pal LCpl Earl "Bus" Wilson, another GGHG Veteran, for leading him back to the Regiment. Sadly, Bus passed away that same year and Jiggs lost the last friend he had with whom he could talk about his passion, motorcycles.

At the outbreak of World War II, Jiggs and many of his pals from the Oshawa Motor Cycle Club, were keen to join the Governor General's Horse Guards because the word was, the Regiment was forming a motorcycle squadron. Bus Wilson was also a part of that motorcycle gang and the decision to close the clubhouse door in 1940 and head off to War, resulted in it becoming news in the local Oshawa

newspaper.

At the time of his enlistment, Jiggs was all of 22 years old and fit. He was ever so proud of the fact that he was "an original Horse Guard" in that he was not a replacement soldier but had enlisted for the Regiment at the old University Avenue Armoury. The excitement over joining the Regiment was soon replaced by disappointment when the motorcycle enthusiasts were all transferred to tanks while training in Borden. However, Jiggs must have been a good soldier because by April 1942 he had attained the rank of Sergeant and assigned to training while the Regiment was in Aldershot, England a position he was stuck in throughout the War while many of his friends were killed in Europe. To the end of his life, Jiggs was a proud Horse Guard. His first request when re-introduced to the Regiment was to ask for a Horse Guard tie that he could wear to Regimental events and with uncanny foresight, he asked and wrote out a request that upon his passing, his ashes be mixed with that of his wife's and that his obituary be placed in the Regimental Lines.

In March of 2011, Jiggs lost his beloved Tammy but the GGHG Association helped him fill that void by arranging for him to attend several key



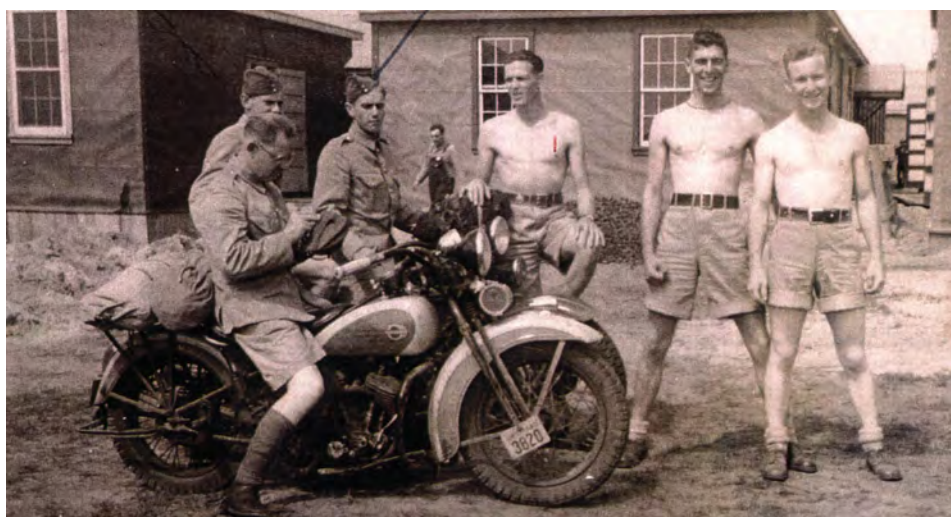
**A young Sgt Harlock in Aldershot.**

Regimental functions. He was present for the 200th Anniversary Dinner in Markham back in 2010 and he has been able to enjoy D-Day Dodgers and Memorial Dinners and it was gratifying to see the joy on his face as he observed the proceedings.

Ironically, in death, Jiggs has gained some recognition for his prowess with motorcycles and thanks to his nephew, he has been featured in an article entitled "*Jiggs Harlock: Innocence, Rebellion and Duty*" written for the May 2016 issue of *Fast Times*, a motorcycle publication.

We honour his service to Canada and the Regiment and we will remember him.

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**Camp Borden August 1940. Earl (Jiggs) Harlock 22 years old on the right with Verdun Magee (Maggie) his good friend beside him who was killed in Italy. This was the Oshawa Motor Cycle gang that joined the army together.**



## Veterans Remembered

### MAJOR ERIC CONSTANTINIDES

*By Sgt (Ret'd) Colin Rowe*

It is not well known that Eric's career of service started as a British merchant mariner at the tender age of 16 or 17. He first served as a sailor in the North and South Atlantic then progressed to the commercial world by joining a New York shipping company and sailed between New York and Brazil, with the occasional side trip up the Amazon River. In 1950, he returned to the U.K to write his 2nd Mate's examinations which would prove to be fortuitous for The Governor General's Horse Guards because it was then he saw the light, albeit through colour blind eyes, and left the Merchant Marine for a much more satisfying career as a soldier, a tank gunnery instructor sergeant with the illustrious Queen's Bays, a predecessor regiment to The Governor General's Horse Guards Allied Regiment, the 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards.

In 1952, Eric left the Queen's Bays to become an Innkeeper in order to acquire the appropriate knowledge and experience with alcohol to become a Horse Guard a little later in your life. His emigration to Canada in 1955 was an important step forward in his life and a welcome decision from the Horse Guards' perspective. The tentative false step of first joining the Intelligence Corps, was soon rectified when he recognized the error of his ways and became a Governor General's Horse Guard, earning his Queen's Commission in 1959.

In the 1950s, many in the Regiment worried that he might seriously jeopardize his equestrian future through his reckless, frivolous and dangerous pursuit of sports car racing, even if he was one of the inaugural drivers at Mosport on its first day of competition. But then he met some equine friends like Limestone Joe, Duchess and Paddy, and soon put car racing aside. Quickly he became a proficient equestrian and, indeed, as a member of the landed gentry, a noted owner of horses as well. This all led to his high achievement in the GGHG Cavalry Squadron of which, in 1968, he became Commander, for the first time, a posi-

tion in which you served until 1974. Not satisfied with his exemplary performance during his first tour of duty in this role, he returned to the appointment 1975 through 1983. Still not fulfilled, he reinvented himself as Cavalry Squadron Commander for a third time and another four years, 1991 through 1995. In aggregate, he has been the longest serving Cavalry Squadron Commander since before World War II and probably since a Denison had the job!

Eric competently commanded the Cavalry Squadron on many notable occasions - Escorts for Queens, Governors General, Lieutenant Governors and many others. His leadership of the Squadron at Musical Rides, Regimental Change-of-Command Parades and Church Parades has always allowed the Cavalry Squadron to stand proud and be a significant component of our fine unit and his efforts have perpetuated a vital cavalry tradition which all Horse Guards cherish.

Like all successful reservists, his accomplishments with the Regiment were recorded while he excelled in his civilian job with the Property Assessment Department of the Ontario Government.

Throughout all his years of service, Eric always demonstrated the highest standards of leadership demanding far more from himself than what he asked from any of his riders. His teaching skills were consummate, and the relationship and respect he enjoyed from the soldiers, both in regimental and cavalry duties, has seldom been matched. Indeed, as the Regimental motto - NULL! SECUNDUS - demands, he has met the test and performed 'Second to None' and his loyalty and commitment to Regiment, Cavalry Squadron, The Governor General's Horse Guards Riding Club and all members thereof have been a joy to watch.

**Editor's Note:** This article is an excerpt from a 2003 tribute by the late Honorary Colonel Peter Hunter.

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# ERIC CONSTANTINIDES

by LCol (Ret'd) John Burns



**H**ow did Eric come to us?

Many years ago, in the mid-60s, there was the first of a number of re-organizations of the Militia. Many famous regional regiments across

Canada were reduced to the supplementary order of battle; most regiments/battalions were reduced by one squadron/company – as were we; and alongside these cuts, a number of Militia headquarters were abolished in the search for savings.

One of these headquarters was the Militia Group to which we belonged – headquartered at College and Palmerston. Remember, our home was the old University Armoury on the site of what-is-now the Supreme Court building. Housed at “Milgroup” were a number of support establishments, one of which was an Intelligence Company. It was abolished with many war-time members scattered to the winds of retirement.

One of these officers was a young Lt. Eric Constantinides who, due to his love of horses, arrived on our doorstep. He joined the Regiment, specifically the Cavalry Squadron, which was carried on our strength for a number of years until the Army caught up with us and changed the way we did and still do business. Eric stayed with us and through the years advanced to command, as Captain, then Major, the Cavalry Squadron with distinction, elan, panache and professionalism leading the squadron in many parades large and small, including Grey Cup Parades, the Santa Claus Parade and the two marquee events each year – Queen’s Plate and the Opening of the Spring session of the Ontario legislature.

One major lasting legacy of his is the inclusion of female

riders ‘on parades’. Before one Queen’s Plate he asked me if we could include women. He received my approval immediately. Today women riders should thank Eric for his recognizing the time was right for them to participate fully in all aspects of the squadron.

Eric served in World War II in the Merchant Marine, of which he was not only proud, but held that service in the same high esteem as he did service in our Regiment.

He fit into our Regiment as if he were born here. He worked with successive commanding officers, me being one of them.

His prowess on the piano – yes we had one at the old Denison Armoury (actually it belonged to the Service Battalion), was unparalleled – in reality, there was no one else in the mess who could play. He led us all in frequent singing songs on Tuesday parade nights. We were

not even close to being a choir, we enjoyed the camaraderie, and what-we-now-call-bonding. Beer and other like beverages helped also.

One of Eric’s lasting contributions to mess life was his amendment of the Loyal Toast at mess dinners and other occasions. At the end of the toast, senior officers only were ‘allowed’ to add, “God bless her cotton socks”. Listen carefully, some of us still do.

When Eric reached compulsory retirement age we tried, unsuccessfully to have him extended. He did not go into real retirement as he continued to volunteer until we found a suitable replacement. Even then, he continued to attend events. He remained a lasting member of the Regiment.

On behalf of all of us, I want to express my sincerest heartfelt condolences to his wife Carolyn, his son Brian and his wife, Janine.

Eric has become part of the legend of our Regiment, which will last for many years.

Rest in Peace, Eric.



**Eric and his trusty steed Joe**

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# VACATIONS FOR VETS

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**L**ush tropical rainforests, majestic mountains, active volcanoes, barren lands of dried lava remnants and volcanic ash, balmy beaches and, a warm ocean thriving with multi-coloured sea life - from desert to subarctic tundra, the Big Island of Hawai'i has it all. It is thanks to the *Vacation for Vets* program and to Shell Vacations Club (SVC) that my travelling companion and I were able to enjoy seven nights of free accommodations in this tropical paradise. Before I explain how this was possible, a little more about our trip.

Having arrived in the late evening at Kona International Airport, we travelled north on Highway 19 arriving at Paniolo Greens Resort in Waikoloa some 30 minutes later. Our two-storey condo within this 162-unit Hawaiian resort had all the amenities of home: two bedrooms, two baths, a full-service kitchen, dining



**LCol (Ret'd) Jenny Newton**

room, living room and laundry closet. The two balconies overlooked the Waikoloa Village Golf Course, a Robert Trent Jones Jr designed course complete with roaming wild turkeys. The resort club house, with its pool, hot tub, exercise room and BBQ pits also housed the Customer Service staff. Patrick and Kelly, who were gracious hosts, took the time to enlighten us on all the sights we should partake in while visiting the Big Island.

Our adventure began with a 13-hour bus tour around the island with stops at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, the Punalu'u Black Sand Beach, Rainbow Falls, a Kona coffee mill, a Macadamia nut factory and, a candy shop. We followed this up in the following days with a snorkeling trip to Kealahou and Honaunau Bays, a sunset dinner at the Kahua Ranch and, finally, a luau with authentic Polynesian entertainment.



As mentioned earlier, the complimentary accommodations would not have been possible without SVC Owners generously donating their excess timeshare points to a central military bank. With the success of the American initiative, which began in 2009, SVC Canada and the Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services (CFMWS) collaborated to launch a Canadian Vacation for Vets program in 2012. This specific program benefits those serving and former members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) who have sustained an injury or illness attributable to military service in a Special Duty Area or Operation and, who are in receipt of a Veterans Affairs benefit as a result. With 52 free accommodations donated annually to CFMWS by SVC, eligible members can apply for one vacation every 2 years with 24 SVC resorts located in Canada, the US and Mexico to choose from.

As the Support Our Troops Outreach Coordinator at CFMWS, Brienne White has received many calls, emails and letters of thanks from grateful military members and Veterans returning from their Vacation for Vets holidays. One member wrote: "This is our first vacation to Hawaii, which will be all the more memorable given your generosity. I will be retiring shortly from the CAF with 42 years of service with nothing but fondest memories at this gesture, just adds to the wonderful experience." White and her team recently

assisted a World War II Veteran with his application. He wrote: "Thank you so very much for all your help in assisting me in securing this much needed vacation. It is people like you that make this world a better place."

In addition but separate from the *Vacations for Vets* program, CFMWS has partnered with the Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC) as a part of the CF Appreciation Program. After registering for your CFOne card, members can then access, when space is available, over 4,000 accommodations in 100 countries for as low as \$349 (USD) per week. For example, AFVC is currently offering 7-night resort stays for as low as \$299 (USD) per week for families of up to 6 people in several countries including Fiji, New Zealand and Kenya.

*Vacation for Vets* is a superb program benefitting our injured CAF personnel and Veterans. To find out more about the program, please visit:

<https://www.cfmws.com/en/SupportOurTroops/Programs/Pages/Vacations-for-Vets.aspx> To sign up for a CFOne card providing access to discounts and other offers provided by caring industry partners, visit [www.cfappreciation.ca](http://www.cfappreciation.ca). Finally, take advantage of thousands of resorts, apartments and condominiums offered by AFVC through their website:

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## GGHG ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ROUTE RECCE

**1100 hrs**

**Saturday September 24, 2016**

Meeting spot and route beginning;

**Erindale Park**

1695 Dundas St W, Mississauga, ON L5C 1E3



Go directly into the park and look for the vintage (starting to rust) Jaguar XJ-6 with the Horse Guard Plates

Have breakfast beforehand and be ready. There will be no food available at the beginning spot but there will be very important historical points and opportunity for stopping along the way to the final destination for refreshments. The final destination will be a place with a really GOOD meal available for a very good price.

Brush up on the 80 year history of the Regiment and find out what you can about the Mississauga Horse because this is what we will be commemorating, Mississauga Horse into the GGHG of today.

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## 'ROUND THE REGIMENT



Congratulations to MCpl Firstenhaupt who was presented with his Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) by Col Stewardson earlier this year.



Doing us proud was BSM Linds Jennings of the Regimental Band who was the recipient of the 2015 Drum Major William MacDougall MacKay, CD Memorial Trophy awarded to the best Drum-Major on the Warriors' Day Parade.



We bid a fond farewell to Sgt Helen Jolly who after decades of service in the Orderly Room, has left the Regiment to join the ranks of the Association as a Life Member. Here she is being presented with the Command Team Coin on her final parade.



Making the first leap forward in his progression through the ranks is Trooper Sor now promoted to Corporal.



Cpl Vyslouzil was another member of the Regiment rewarded with the Canadian Forces Decoration after her twelve years of service.



BMQ (Recruits Basic Training Course) graduates at Fort York Armoury. (L to R) - Pte Desmarai, Pte Deveau, Pte Wallace, Pte Makins, RSM CWO Anderson, LCol Stewardson, Pte Congiusti, Pte Eastwood, Pte Reid, Pte Sewell, Pte Rideout.



## 'ROUND THE REGIMENT



This year's Black Hat Barbecue hosted by the Ontario Regiment was again a resounding success and confirmed by GGHG Association members (from left) Dave Mezzabotta, Ross Bradley and Bill Davidson.



Nothing like an Association event to bring some members out of the woodwork. Joining Chuck Vondercrone (left) and Gary Meissner (Right) at the BBQ was our old pal Cas Edmond. A great event for a reunion of Horse Guards.



The only GGHG WW II Veteran able to make it out to the BBQ was Ed Stafford (right) seen here with Association President Craig Anhorn.



This annual event is one of many Association events that spouses and significant others like Marsha Vondercrone can come out and enjoy.



The OntR Museum boasts one of the largest collection of vintage armoured vehicles and they all work as many guests soon found out.



If ever there was a GGHG sorority, this would be it. (From L) Sgt Helen Jolly, MCpl Gita Purkis and MCpl Italia Furfaro at the Memorial Dinner and all former serving members from the "good old days" at the old Dufferin Street Denison Armoury .



At the end of his term, LCol Stewardson (3rd from right) leaves the future of the Regiment in the capable hands of this cadre of young officers.



# POLO FOR PALLIATIVE CARE



The Commanding Officer and RSM were on hand to congratulate graduates of the BMOQ (Officers) and BMQ Course graduates: Left to right - Pte Muhaxhiri, 2Lt Tufman, RSM CWO Anderson, LCol Stewardson, 2Lt Kan, Pte Alan, 2Lt Tam



Captains Van Auken (L) and Zeitoun appear to have found a more efficient way to access the contents of their champagne bottles with their swords at last fall's Polo for Palliative Care Fund-raiser.



LCol Stewardson is known to have made appearances on horseback before. Here he is at the Palliative Care Fund-raiser not only ready for a ride but apparently the weather and so were his children.



Nothing like the Cavalry Squadron for that added touch to any occasion.



For Captain Van Auken, a little rain and cold is all in a day's work when it comes to fundraising.



The Cavalry team appears pleased with the day's outing at the Polo for Palliative Care Fund-raiser .



# CAVALRY LUNCHEON



The battle for bragging rights at the Cavalry Luncheon continues between the Horse Guards and the Ontario Regiment, However a quick glance across the dining room might quickly settle that friendly rivalry.



Col Steve Kelsey, Director of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps being presented with a copy of the recently published history of the Ontario Soldiers' Aid Commission of which our Editor of Regimental Lines, Colin Rowe, is the current Chair.



The honour of playing the last post at this year's luncheon, fell to Cpl Heather Gilker of the Regimental Band.



Not all Horse Guards are shy about upholding that fine tradition when the last call is made, the lights are dimmed and the doors are locked.



Regardless of the tie being worn, LCol Chris Brown (Left) remains a Horse Guard and member of the GGHG Association. He has maintained an excellent record of attendance at the Cavalry Lunch.



It was a busy afternoon of presentations as HCol Gilbert Taylor (left), President of the Royal Canadian Military Institute received copies of the Ontario Soldiers Aid Commission history for the Institute's library from the Commission's Chair.



# QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CONCERT



The Queen may not have been present for her birthday concert on April 24 but many of her representatives were. (L to R) Mrs. Ruth Ann Onley, former Lt. Governor David Onley, Her Honour Elizabeth Dowdeswell and Capt Van Aukun.



The Regimental Band performed an exceptional program of entertaining music for the regal occasion and displayed the high level of musicianship we have come to expect from them.



For an added touch of class, the audience was treated to music performed by the Pipes of the 48th Highlanders of Canada.



One of the many highlights of the afternoon was the Director of Music leading the audience in trial run of Happy Birthday which was later recorded for presentation to Her Majesty.



Adding to the variety was the York University Choir whose accompaniment was an integral part of Mrs. Onley's performance.



Among the many dignitaries present was the Honourable John Baird (Centre), former Minister of Foreign Affairs, seen here with John Ashbourne (left), Chairman of the Board of Trustees and former Honorary Colonel David Friesen.



# HORSE GUARD MUSICIAN

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## SONGWRITING COMPETITION

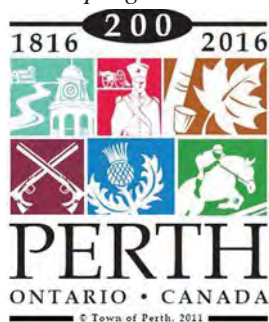
Canada's Military has a rich and distinguished history. Canada's military made a unique contribution in international affairs with the advent of Peacekeeping by then U.N. Ambassador Lester B. Pearson in the 1950's. Most notably, a modern example of Peacekeeping was in Romeo Dallaire's humble and restrained use of military power in the Rwanda Crisis of the late 1990's. Key to Dallaire's success was the ability to take a step back and honestly reflect on what was going on before him:

*"I know there is a God because in Rwanda I shook hands with the devil. I have seen him, I have smelled him and I have touched him. I know the devil exists and therefore I know there is a God."*

— Romeo Dallaire:

[www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/11102.Rom\\_o\\_Dallaire](http://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/11102.Rom_o_Dallaire)

In order to use military power in such a humane and evolved way, we must first honestly examine our origins. This is where the work of Toronto composer William Right is right on key. William is a long standing Reservist in the Canadian Military. There he has participated in many music programs and music branches of the military.



The Duel is featured in the 200 Bicentennial logo, bottom left.

The bucolic town of Perth, Ontario has an unobvious turbulent history. Many soldiers at the end of the war with America (1812) were induced to settle in Perth. Their war inspired ways coloured the history of Perth; Indeed, Perth Ontario was the site of the last gun duel in Canada. The duel was fought over an impertinent remark made about one of the duelist's wife. In those days, that's

all it took. 2016 marks the bicentennial of the founding of the Perth Military Settlement and as such, the "Stewart Park Festival Songwriting Competition" was looking for entries to mark the event.

William gives an unapologetic and forthright musical recounting of the events of that day.

Here are some excerpts from Good News Toronto's interview with William.

**Good News Toronto:** Tell us a bit about the piece: How did it all come together?

**William:** The performers in the piece are Ms. Alessia Signorella on Vocals, Mr. Jazel Barillas on Guitar, and Mr. Jacob Mannion on Snare Drum. Ms. Alessia Signorella is a very talented vocalist, with a very bright future. I want to thank Alessia's mother, Mrs. Rita Signorella for allowing Alessia to be a part of this. I work with Mr. Jazel Barillas



Ms. Alessia Signorella on vocals.

and he is a great Guitarist. Mr. Jacob Mannion and I are both musicians in the Regimental Band of the Governor General's Horse Guards. Jacob is a very talented Percussionist who holds a Bachelors Degree in Music in Percussion Performance from the University of Toronto, and is the Lead Timpani with the Windsor Symphony Orchestra. I wrote the lyrics and music

over the course of a few days, and it was a very enjoyable process. I reviewed some of the history of Perth, Ontario, and came across a couple of sentences about a party the local Doctor was having. The one of the Officers, a Captain, was invited to the party, but his wife was not. As a result of this, the Captain challenged the Doctor to a duel, the Doctor was shot, and died of his wounds. I want to thank Ms. Cathy Whiteside for her musical guidance. She is a former music teacher at my high school during my final year. Gathering the musicians together was not that difficult. I work with Rita Signorella, Alessia's mother, and told her that I was writing a song, and she told me about Alessia. I also



work with Jazel, so when I found out he played the Guitar, I asked him if he could learn the piece, and be on the recording. I also work with Jacob in the military. When I shared the true story about the song, and that it happened around 1812, Jacob brought a period snare drum with him to the recording, and it truly adds a lot to the piece from a historic perspective as well as the beautiful sound of the instrument.

**Good News Toronto:** What motivated you to enter the contest?

**William:** First I'd like to thank Lieutenant Colonel Christopher M. Stewardson, CD, AdeC, Commanding Officer, Governor General's Horse Guards and Captain P.J. Van Auken, CD, AdeC, Director of Music, Governor General's Horse Guards for their support over the years. It was Captain Arjeh Van der Sluis, CD, from my unit first told me about the "Stewart Park Festival Songwriting Competition". My military unit traces its history back to Buttons Troop, whose members fought in the War of 1812, as did the military members of the Perth Military Settlement. As such, there is a connection between my unit and the soldiers of the Military Settlement of Perth. I have dedicated "The Duel" to the soldiers of the Governor General's Horse Guards, past present and future.

**Good News Toronto:** What is your experience in the military?

**William:** I am a member of the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves, and have been for over 20 years, as a musician with the Regimental Band of the Governor General's Horse Guards. I have received the CD (Canadian Forces Decoration) Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

**Good News Toronto:** How did the military influence your music career?

**William:** I have performed in military bands since joining the Royal Canadian Army Cadets (1982-1989) with the 2402 Governor General's Horse Guards Cadet Corps. After 'aging out' of the Cadets I was a director of music for 2 Air Cadet bands in the Greater Toronto Area. I joined the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves in 1995, as a member of the Regimental Band of the Governor General's Horse Guards. The military has given me many opportunities to play music at



**Guitarist Mr. Jazel Barillas**

important venues such as Roy Thomson Hall, The Queen's Plate (Performing for HRH Queen Elizabeth II), The CNE, The Carlu, and in major parades including Santa Claus Parades, Warriors Day Parade (CNE), and Remembrance Day Parade, to name a few.

**Good News Toronto:** Who are your musical influences and supporters?

**William:** There are many people who have been there to support my passion of creating music, and I could not have been there without their support and these include: Mr. Charles Heller for being a great Choirmaster and showing me a love for music at an early age, Major Luc M. Laverriere, CD for his guidance and friendship, Mr. Baird Knechtel, for teaching me the love of concert band, symphonic works, and for guiding me through my Royal Conservatory of Music Exams, and getting me ready for my Humber College Jazz audition with Don Johnson, Major Chris



**Mr. Jacob Mannion on Snare Drum.**

Alfano for honing my skills as a military Brass and Reed musician and my favourite military leader and conductor, and Ms. Cathy Whiteside who guided me through the writing process of "The Duel", and for arranging a group of 10 of her Alumni High School music students to workshop the Libretto (script) of my the musical I began writing during my final year of High School. I would also like to posthumously thank Captain Frank Merlo, CD, previous Director of Music of the Regimental Band of the Governor Generals Horse Guards. He taught me how important it is to give back to the community, and to bring the joy of music to our youth. My parents Harold and Lily Right have always guided me and I would also like to thank my 2 children, Dalia and Jadyn, and to let them know how proud I am of them, their accomplishments, and to let them know that I love them very much.

**Good News Toronto:** What is next for you?

**William:** I am writing another song, but this time it is about WW I, the Great War. It is a true story about 2 brothers, who fought with the 4 CMR (Canadian Mounted Rifles) with the Canadian Expeditionary Force on Europe. This will be a moving piece, and very appropriate as we near the 100th Anniversary of WW I in 2017. My next project after that is to finish writing my musical, with aspirations of getting it produced and performed on stage.



by  
WO Garry Smith

**R**eceiving the CD first clasp meant that a person has been in service for at least twenty two years. At “least” it is, because sometimes it can be delayed by an exempt from drill and training (ED&T), a break in service, or an offence – none of these applies to this clasp. A score and two years is a long time, yet it seems like it was just a few years back that the utterance of allegiance to Queen and Country was said at the old



**WO Smith (left) holding the British SA80 service rifle with Mike Swaby on an automated rifle range in England.**

Denison building, which no longer stands at Dufferin Street and Wilson Avenue. Times have changed and things are definitely not the way they

used to be.

But what has changed the most? Is it the unit with its new location and its re-role from heavy armour to armoured recce? Perhaps it is you that have changed the most. After all, you were once a strong and excited Trooper or Corporal, free as a puppet with little or no responsibilities. A matter of fact, you were not even responsible for yourself. It was the Master Corporals, the Sergeants and the Warrants who were responsible for you – why not? You were a tool and they were the architect, trained in the art of leadership and entrusted to mold you within the core values and duties of the Armour Core. Sadistically, you loved it and you say to yourself, “one day, I too will wear the maple leaf or the crown on my shoulder”.

Fast forward more than two decades into the future, and to your disappointment, they no longer wear the insignia on the shoulders anymore. But here you are baffled at this change; nonetheless you must be at least a seasoned Sergeant, or perhaps a grumpy Warrant Officer. With you lay all the responsibilities, but little control over the *chicken feed* that have tactically entwine itself in the day to day operations of the forces whilst threatening every thread of esprit de corps. Nowadays you seem to do so much administration that you start to question your military occupation code (MOC), and for a moment, just for a moment (you do not want to fall behind in paper work), you flash back to the nineties and reminisce on *the good not-so-ole days*.

Remember the yearly warrior training, yes that same one. Nowadays it is called Individual Battle Tasks Standard (IBTS), similar in many ways, but different in one very unique way – the warrior badge. The warrior training back then was not simple a qualification, it was a competition that had bragging rights and pride as its reward. Along with the basics weapons handling skills, field craft, and first aid, the warrior training has three other distinc-

tive skills set. They were the Personal Weapon Test (PWT), the Full Fighting Order (FFO) run, and the Load Bearing March (LBM). These three activities would determine the weight of the badge that grace your Distinctive Environment Uniform (DEU) – Gold, Silver or Bronze. No one wanted to wear a bronze, much less to fail at any of these activities. So people put the effort in, and when they achieved Gold it was worn with such pride. Those who got less than gold would keep trying that same year, or prepare themselves better for the next year. The warrior training – a high point in *the*,



**Making it look easy on the LBM in CFB Borden. The Beret on at every opportunity; Unit and Corps pride.**

*good not-so-ole days.*

Remember the Messes? Yes those same ones. Back then the messes hold strong to its purpose, it was all about the soldiers and their morale. The bar manager, the mess manager and everyone in between was just ordinary service members who volunteered their time in keeping tradition and esprit de corps alive and well in the unit. The bar tender was just a service member with a “smart serve” qualification. This meant flexibility in the opening day and time – after an exercise, no problem; the bar would be open and all ranks would engaged in good conversation on how the exercise went. And if you happened to have had too many shots of orange juice, you just claim your coach and sleep it off ‘till the morning. The mess dues were low too,





**The Junior Ranks Mess at the old Denison Armoury after hours. Bar is still open, but the closed shutters and low light reduce drawing attention. With ( L- R) Sean Singer, Peter Cuprys and Paul Cuprys.**

mainly because no one was collecting a salary, and when we needed extra cash to fix or buy something – a fund raiser was held. Yes Ma'am, those were fun times under *the good not-so-ole days*.

Then there were the cougars, nope not those kinds. The cougars being referred to are the ones that were also known as an Armoured Vehicle General Purpose (AVGP), and carried a 76 mm cannon and a 7.62mm MG co-axial on a British Scorpion tank turret. Equipped with a 275 horse power automatic transmission turbo charged Detroit Diesel engine, it could reach speeds of up to 100 km/hr. The cougar was a simple six wheeled vehicle that started out as a tank trainer, but was later designated as a fire support



**Radio watch as the driver, sporting the old crew helmet.**

vehicle (FSV) and was deployed on operations in Europe. It was operated by a three person crew, but had a seat in the back that could comfortably hold three extra personnel for dismounted drills. Operating the cougar was a joy to behold and every aspect of its operation was done under strict rules and drills – simple entering the vehicle was a drill. You would hear the constant reminder “three points of contact at all time...YOU, Sergeant, sort that creature out”. You know it was time for some serious business, when the vehicle commander would start with these words, “Driver’s hatch closed, muzzle end clear, no obstruction, smoke off, MG Loaded(half-loaded), gun safe, my side free to traverse, crew ACTION”, and then the remainder of the crew would do their drills – the battle was on. Firing the guns was a musical duet between the gunner and the Crew Commander. Through a series of precise commands and responses, the gunner and commander was able to effectively engaged targets fast and effectively using High Explosive Squash Head (HESH) rounds and machine gun fire, and when needed using smoke to screen the vehicle movements. *One eight hundred, tank in open moving left to right, ON!* And so it was, in the *good not-so-ole days*.

Competition was always a great

way to encourage and motivate soldiers and the Worthington Trophy was just one of such events that saw armoured regiments in the area trying to out-perform each other over an entire weekend. The concept of this competition was quite simple. Each regiment would conduct a field exercise as per normal. Then, throughout the weekend, Directing Staff would randomly and without warning, tactically sneak around the training area testing the Squadron’s skill set at all levels. This means everyone, from driver to the Officer in Command had to be alert at all times – you never know when you would be challenged, observed or questioned. Everything was scored, from the sentry must know to the sighting of the sentry, from track plan to harbour routine, from rifle cleanliness to lighting the stove. There was even an individual soldier kit check at the start of the exercise. Yep, every single soldier skill was evaluated, and rue was the one that had a poor showing during *those good not-so-ole days*.

Heading to the USA was always another favourite excursion that everyone would look forward to. This was a four day event that uniquely balanced the social spirit with the training energy off all involved. Sometimes by bus, sometimes by plane, members of the Regiment would travel to the main USA Armoured Training Centre in Fort Knox, and later Fort Benning, to train on tank simulators. These simulators were exact replicas of the inside of US Armoured Fighting Vehicles. This allowed for valuable training that combined physical interaction in a virtual environment. Reacting to the tactical situation came with realistic consequences which added to the meaning of learning from your mistakes. But, it was not only training that occurred on these USA Expeditions. Throughout the long weekend, troops would be given time off to visit key infrastructure such as museums, shops and at night, clubbing was a common thing. This was all in the spirit of boosting

morale and rewarding those that put forth the effort throughout the year. That's right, only those who were high on the merit list would be granted the privilege of heading south. It was not easy getting to be one of the chosen, as attendance in the unit during *those good not-so-ole days* was excellent, so much so that during field exercises, sentry lists were kept so that a fair distribution of personnel would be maintained.



Driving a British Scimitar variant in England.

the fun in fundamental training. Serious changes have now taken hold, some call it progress, some call it a necessary change call it as they may, it is in no way productive as those years of future past. So I an' I say this, "I am Smith Prime, and I send this message out to all Horse Guards. If you know where the good not-so-ole days have gone, send me a grid location – I am waiting, hopefully not for long, as this radio watch is getting harder to maintain".

That was just a summation of when the unit understands

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- Foursomes will be drawn from names in four handicap levels in my attempt to balance teams as much as possible. Please, no special requests for foursomes other than those that may feel totally uncomfortable if they have to play with someone they do not know. Having said that, we will not deny anyone the chance to play and no one will be turned away. Henry would certainly frown upon us if we did.
- Handicaps will be based on your estimate of what you would normally score. In a normal round, what do you normally shoot? Select your handicap level from one of the four following levels and record it on the Entry Form:

-Under 90	10
-91 to 100	15
-101 to 110	25
-Over 110	35
- Registration will begin in the Club House at 1030 hours to permit those wishing a bite to have lunch before the round. There will be a quick welcome briefing on the first tee at 1230 hours before everyone deploys to their respective starting holes. Everyone will need to be ready at their starting holes to begin play at 1300 hours.
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- and men) on the 5th hole, closest to the pin (ladies and men) on the 18th hole and bragging rights for Inter-Regimental and Inter-City honours. Handicap adjusted team scores will be used to determine first, second place winners and the Most Honest Team.
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