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From the Editor's Desk



As I write, I am sitting on my deck enjoying a hot coffee and a beautiful Victoria Day holiday.

As the month of May draws to a close we think of summer vacations, travel, entertaining and a sense of completion.

There is also a sense of completion, satisfaction, encouragement, gratitude as the Regiment, our various associations and friends and supporters look back on the events of the first half of 2012.

Four members of 32 Signal Regiment were recipients of bursaries from the S.H.E. Bursary Awards. Congratulations to this year's recipients; Cpl Gary Ng, Cpl Michael Song, Cpl Evan Gorman and Pte Michael MacIver.

Members of 32 Signal Regiment received Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals at The Ontario Legislature from his Honour David Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

The Regiment was well supported by our associations and friends. Our thanks goes out to the Toronto Signals Band, Jimmy & Associates, the Regimental Advisory Council, the Hong Kong Ex-servicemen's Association and Post 3 29 Division Association Legion Post. If I have left anyone out it is an oversight and I offer my apologies.

Below are some web sites you might want to check out:

<http://www.torontosignals.ca/>

www.hamiltonsignals.ca

[http://www.29thdivisionassociation.com/
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Commanding Officer's Message



The Canadian Armed Forces along with other departments is now entering a time of both retrenchment and austerity. The new federal budget has imposed substantial cuts on all federal departments. The military including the Reserve Force has responsibilities in dealing with the ramifications of the new budget. As always, the leadership will strive to protect the soldiers on the “parade square” floor from the effects of the budget.

My goal as the commanding officer continues to be the maintenance of our operational capabilities, the preservation of training and education for each and every soldier along with recruiting and retention. Our recent command and unit transformation coupled with the development of the new ACISS trade specification all provide factors that make a recruiting and retention a formidable challenge. We will soldier on to ensure the viability of the Regiment over the new fiscal year.

I also want acknowledge the retirements for five of our distinguished soldiers including Major Hal Buller, Captain Alison Perry, Lt Suganya Lee, MWO April White and Sgt Jeanette Botari. Good luck in the next phase of your individual careers.

At this time of writing we have lost more of our Regimental Family including our former Commanding Officer, LCol Bud Chandler along with Sgt. Bob Blenkhorn who has been a stalwart member of our Regimental Associations including Jimmy and Associates and the flag party.

I want to take this opportunity to continue to thank all of our soldiers for their efforts on training, taskings, missions and special ceremonial events during the current year. Your efforts are noticed and well appreciated. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Regimental Family including our Honorary Colonels, Cadet Corps, Toronto Signals Band, Jimmy and Associates including Flag Party, Hong Kong Ex-Serviceman's Association, Dutch War Veterans, American Legion Post and our Amateur Radio Club Associates. Your efforts put the energy into our Regimental Spirit. I also want to strongly encourage all past members, family and friends (our alumnus) to participate in Regimental activities.

Finally, to all ranks, family and friends, I want to wish the best for the summer period and look forward to seeing you all in the near future at various regimental events.

Spiritus Manet

G.J. Stasyna, CD
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Hon Col Horsfall, SSStJ, CD, RN, LL.D On Leadership



As my term as Honorary Colonel draws to a close (February 2014) I would like to impart to the wonderful young soldiers and cadets of 32 Signal Regiment some thoughts, based as much on my observations over the years as on my experience.

The world is made up of Leaders and Followers; it couldn't possibly function without both. Many of us, young and old, aspire to be Leaders, either in the military, the business world or the community, and many of us tremble at the thought. Some Leaders are very effective, and some are misplaced. Does each of us know what we are or what we should be?

Some people do all the things a Leader does, but are either reticent to speak up or don't want to be the one at the podium “leading the troops” so to speak. Such a person is diligent, studies the issues, and is thoughtful and helpful with looking at options. This person fills the role of the invisible Leader, leading from behind – the advisor. All good Leaders want and, indeed, need advisors who can act as a sounding board.

Leadership is taken not given – not intentionally but simply by the actions of an individual. A potential Leader is the first to step forward to do a job, the first to make useful, thoughtful suggestions; the first to get things done. One doesn't do this for recognition, but simply because it is a natural inclination to be part of the action – and to lead.

Of course, if you want to be recognized as a Leader, and gain the credentials and title, you need to train for it just like an athlete. You're not only involved but you come forth in meetings with ideas that are well thought out and researched. You need to study materials and think through issues, so that when the opportunity to speak up arises, your comments are knowledgeable and helpful; you listen and ask intelligent questions. You are not a Leader if you just speak to hear your own voice.

Leadership entails a lot of responsibility – few of us really understand what being a Leader involves until we become one. As well, a good Leader has a vision of where things should go – I am a believer that naïveté can be a great benefit; some of the greatest achievements have occurred because the visionary was not deterred by the knowledge of the obstacles that could hamper success. So dare to dream.

Leadership takes courage; it is not easy, (especially if you are surrounded by an ever-changing bureaucracy); however, as an outstanding Leader, you can still get things done in spite of obstacles. You can encourage, cajole and energize others to make things happen, and in a timely manner. “It can't be done” should never be your first response and “we will take it under advisement” is only valid if a deadline date for a decision is also set.

The ability to delegate is important. It makes your team inclusive, shares the work load, and expands ideas. However, too often delegation becomes “pass the buck”. A good Leader may

hand over the responsibility but also must set a schedule on which to hear recommendations, and follow up if the schedule is not met.

Finally, as a Leader, you ask for and listen to ideas, solutions and advice. While the responsibility for a final decision rests on your shoulders, good and thoughtful input is vital to a good decision. A great Leader says, "We" not "I".

In closing, remember, just because you are a Leader, it doesn't mean you are superior. There should be nothing that you would ask someone else to do that you wouldn't do yourself – by the way, the toilet is overflowing.

Spiritus Manet.

Hon Col Sally Horsfall, SSSStJ, CD, RN, LL.D

2013 S.H.E. Bursary Awards Winners

This year we were able to provide one extra bursary due to the generosity of Mr. Jack Cockwell whose recent donation almost doubled the size of the SHE endowment. This donation will go a long way towards ensuring the annual earnings of the fund and its ability to continue providing educational bursaries to deserving soldiers.

The following are the recipients for the SHE 2012 - 2013:

Toronto:

Cpl Ng
Cpl Song

Borden:

Cpl Gorman
Pte McIver

Cpl Gary NG



Joining 709 Toronto Communication Regiment (now 32 Signal Regiment) in May 2009, Cpl Ng, a qualified ACISS/Signal Operator, has successfully completed a number of courses including BMQ, BMQ Land, Driver Training (Air Brake), Winter Warfare and the ACIS DPl. A full time student at the University of Toronto, Cpl Ng is studying the Genes, Genetics & Biotechnology Specialist Undergraduate Programme. His long term

goal is to enter medical school upon completion of his undergraduate degree.

Cpl Ng notes that becoming a member of the Regiment has had a positive and significant impact to his life, developing close friendships within the Regiment whilst allowing him to soldier part time as he continues to study for towards his lifelong aspirations.

Cpl Michael Song



Enrolling in 709 Toronto Communication Regiment (now 32 Signal Regiment) in February 2010, Cpl Song has completed a number of courses as his military career develops including the ACISS DP1, ACISS DP2 and the PLQ courses. Cpl Song is enrolled in the Police Foundations Programme at Seneca College with a goal of becoming a Police Constable with either the RCMP or the join the Military Police after graduation later this year.

Cpl Song has participates in a variety of Regimental activities, ranging from training Exercises to being the Vice PMC of the Junior NCO's Mess, a position that he now holds after a stint as the Secretary of the Mess. Currently, you are likely familiar with Cpl Song's efforts as the lead planner for the 2013 32 Signal Regimental Junior Ranks Ball held on 13 April 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Toronto.

Cpl Evan Gorman



Cpl Gorman enrolled in the Borden Squadron of the Regiment in January 2008 and is a qualified DP1 Signaller. An Afghanistan veteran who served eight months in 2010, Cpl Gorman has set his sights on becoming a Sergeant, a front line leader who will work towards inspiring his fellow troops in becoming the best they can be in both mental and physical readiness capabilities. In his civilian life,

Cpl Gorman is an active community volunteer working with the OSPCA and the Midland Children's Aid Society, all the while completing his second year as a full time student enrolled in the Georgian College Police Foundations Programme. His immediate "long term" goals are to attend university to attain a Bachelor of Arts and a Police Studies Degree, with a blend of continuing his training as a Reservist.

Pte Michael MacIver



Pte MacIver joined the Borden Squadron of the Regiment in 2010, following in the footsteps of many in his family who served Canada in the Canadian Forces. Currently, Pte MacIver is a full time student enrolled at Humber College in the Computer Network & Support Technician Programme, a course of study that fits in well with his chosen career as a Reservist serving in the Signal trade. Completing a variety of military courses, Pte MacIver has also completed the Winter Warfare

and Driver Training.

Pte MacIver foresees an exciting future in the Signal trades, with the new ACISS initiative setting the standard to move towards a greater emphasis in networking and line training.

From the RSM, CWO Robert Carter, CD



We have again come to the end of the training year. We have recently completed the Battle of York Parade. It is has been one of the biggest events in the city for many years and the Regiment showed its skill both in dress, drill and deportment and by the trade skills for the CP and display teams. I am very proud of all members of the unit for all their hard work.

We will soon send members off to complete many assorted courses and callouts. We wish them well in their endeavours. For those who remain, it is our job the keep the unit moving during the summer. The training cell will be working on next years training and the headquarters staff will continue to work with both squadrons. It is important that all members of the Regiment continue to parade to ensure that the unit maintains its IBTS standards.

We said goodbye to members of the Regiment who have left the Canadian Armed Forces in the past training year. Major Buller, Capt Perry, Lt. Lee, MWO White and Sgt Botari. We thank you for your long service and good luck in your future projects

In closing, I would like to remind all members that you are members of a great family. 32 Signal Regiment and all its various Squadrons and Associations are here to support each other in good times and bad. But most of all you should remember your own families and cherish the support they have given to make you the best soldier you can be and not take this for granted. My mother's last formal public outing was our transformation parade to 32 Sigs because she believed it was important to support her son.

CWO Robert Carter, CD

Jimmy and Associates
By David A. Douglas KStG, KCJ, PhD,
President



The Jimmy and Associates Annual General Meeting and Election took place on Sunday April 28, 2013 in the WO's and Sergeant's Mess. Unfortunately, due to an unadvertised parade originating from the CNE, the meeting did not open until 14:55 hrs instead of the scheduled 14:00hrs time slot. Driving to the Armouries was a nightmare, to say the least, and probably affected the number of members attending and our late

start.

Without going into great details as to the proceedings, I have outlined some of the key items discussed.

The newly elected Jimmy and Associates executive for the years 2013 to 2015 are:

- President – David Douglas
- Vice President – Jack Lee
- Secretary – Steve Cheney
- Treasurer – David Spessot
- Membership/Communications – Rose Kelly



The date for the Annual J and A BBQ has been set for Saturday June 13, 13:00 hrs rain or shine at Lou Lombardi's property in Claremont. Details will follow.

The 92nd Warriors' Day Parade is being held on Saturday, August 17 at the CNE, 10:30 hrs.

It was unanimously decided that our annual Christmas luncheon will again this year be celebrated together with a sit-down late, full luncheon with our Regiment at around 14:30 hrs. We will be joining the squadrons from Toronto and Borden, the Toronto Signals Band, and other regimental affiliates on December 14, costs to be communicated when established. We will however, host a pre luncheon cocktail event / gathering before we go to the floor at approximately 12:00 hrs for socializing in the WO's and Sergeant's Mess. This social will be subsidised by J and A. Again, details will follow when dates, time, and costs are finalised.

So, please mark your calendars and pencil in the dates of July 13, August 17, October 22- 26 and December 14. Changes and revisions will be communicated to you.

The Commanding Officer LCol Greg Stasyna gave a detailed professional briefing on the State of the Regiment with a Power Point presentation outlining the programs and challenges facing the Regiment for the ensuing year.

Due to the late start, we adjourned late in the afternoon in harmony.



2013 Garrison Ball



Suggested 32 Signal Regiment Unit Crest



The rose is to represent the Rose of York, the past name of Toronto (709)

The owl is from Borden (700)

The Roman numerals are to signify the link from 2nd and 8th Signals to today

The “Jimmy” is for signals as well as the Grey and Blue background

The lightning bolts and shaped in “V” to represent the three “VVV”, signals motto

The three maple leaves represents the Navy, Army and Air Force

The new Latin motto is a blending of the old “Victoriam et Hororem in Vigilantiam

(Honour and Vigilance in Victory)



**OP ATTENTION – ROTO 1
Afghanistan**

Thought this might be a good opportunity to provide some feedback on OP ATTENTION – ROTO 1, general appreciation and possible article for the Communicator. Myself, MCpl Campbell and Padre Capt Flavia Beriault from the 32 Signal Regiment attended a church service in Barrie at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Sun 17 Mar 2013 to thank Reverend Debbie Denis and her Congregation for choosing us as part of their "Chosen Soldier Program" and supporting us during our deployment to OP ATTENTION – ROTO 1, Feb to Nov 2012. While in theatre, we received from the congregation: emails, letters and huge care packages which we proudly shared with our Afghan friends (soldiers and interpreters).

One of the most important aspects of OP ATTENTION was winning hearts and minds of the people of Afghanistan. Most don't know this, but the interpreter provided to soldiers in theatre did more than just translate the language. They were unmistakably a life line for our security and wellbeing while we were there. They communicated our requirements and desensitized our comments to be more in line with the Afghan language (Dari, Pashtu or in some cases a modified tribal dialect) as well as educate us on general cultural customs. All the items we shared with these people were in good taste, consisting of food items, literature and toys for children. Note: that the congregation was very culturally sensitive and did not include any pork food items or religious (items or literature) as Afghanistan is a Muslim Country.

At St. Paul's Anglican Church, we were given an opportunity to speak to two (2) masses. The first speaking engagement was to a younger crowd of the congregation who were shown my "End of Tour Video" along with a brief explanation of who we were, where we're from and what we generally did overseas. The second mass consisted mostly of Church elders and were shown photos from both MCpl Campbell and myself. There were many questions and many thanks from the parishioner's for our services overseas.

Depicted in the photos were (from left to right):

Photo 1: Mrs. Anita Farmer, Lay Reader; 32 Signal Regiment - MCpl Kate Campbell Signal Operator OP ATTENTION Roto-1; 32 Signal Regiment - Capt Roger Caron Signals Advisor OP ATTENTION Roto-1; 32 Signal Regiment - Padre Capt Flavia Beriault; Rev. Karl Ross (Ret'd LCol Navy Pilot US Marines) Honourary Assistant; and Reverend Debbie Denis – St. Paul's Anglican Church, Barrie ON, Sunday 17 March 2013.

Photo 2: 32 Signal Regiment - MCpl Kate Campbell Signal Operator OP ATTENTION Roto-1; 32 Signal Regiment - Capt Roger Caron Signals Advisor OP ATTENTION Roto-1; 32 Signal Regiment - Padre Capt Flavia Beriault; and Reverend Debbie Denis – St. Paul's Anglican Church, Barrie ON, Sunday 17 March 2013.

Capt. Roger Caron, CD
OC Borden Squadron, 32 Signal Regiment



**Joint Squadron Christmas Luncheon
Fort York Armory
December 2012**



Junior Ranks' Ball 2013

The Junior Ranks Ball was held at the Hyatt Regency this year. Much thanks and BRAVO ZULA to the organizing committee who made the event the great success that it was.



**The Commanding Officer and Members of the
709 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps
Cordially invite you to the**

**56th Annual Review
Reviewing Officer:**

**WO. Anthony Jones, CD
Public Duties Sergeant Major
Parliament Hill Ceremonial Guard**

Saturday, 25th May 2013

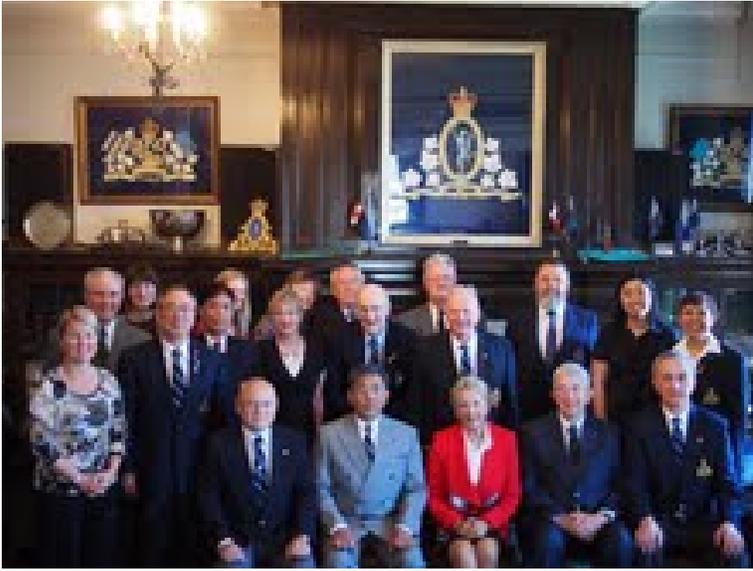
at

**Fort York Armoury
660 Fleet St. W.
Toronto, Ontario**

**Timings: 13:45hr (1:45pm) Markers: 14:15hr
(2:15pm)**

**Order of Dress: Ceremonial No. 1A Medals
Business Suit/Blues & Greys
Hot weather dress moves to Service No. 3B**

32 Signals Regimental Advisory Council—2013



1995 he transferred to Vancouver where he took over command in just two years then transferred back to Toronto in 2005 to the full time HQ Tp Comd position. Serving a total of 35 years and 3 months of which over 13 years were full time.

Captain Alison Perry, CD



Captain Alison Perry enrolled in the Regiment as a Private in 1983. She progressed through the ranks and achieved the rank of Chief Warrant Officer in 2000. Between the years of 2000 and 2005, Captain Perry was appointed Chief Communications Operator for 70 Communication Group and then the Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) of the Regiment. She became Commissioned Officer in 2005 and was the Deputy Commanding Officer from 2006 until her retirement in 2010. Captain Perry is married to Ken and they have two children, Julian and Abigail.

Departing With Dignity

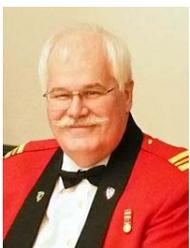
Departing with Dignity is a CF program to ensure that members who are honourably released are given the appropriate recognition upon completion or released from the CF service.

To honour Major Hal Buller, CD, Captain Alison Perry, CD and MWO April White, CD on completion of service or retirement, the Regiment dined out the trio with great pomp and circumstance in the Officers' Mess FYA on March 2, 2013.

Later in March (March 23, 2013) the Regiment gave a farewell dinner and ceremony to Lt Suganya Lee, CD and Sergeant Jeanette Botari, MMM, CD retiring from the CF's. The dine-out took place at the CFB Borden Officers' Mess.

All the deserving members receive their well-deserved gifts and certificates from LCol Greg Stasyna and all the accretments that accompanied the Departing with Dignity event. To all, best wishes for devoted and dedicated service to Queen and country.

Major Hal Buller, CD



Major Hal Buller first served as a RTOP with RCSigs in his home town of Winnipeg. He released as a Corporal with 2 years and 8 months of service. He rejoined as an OCdt with 705 (Hamilton) Communication Squadron April 1980 and transferred to 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment in 1984. He held every unit officer's position, thus allowing him to become familiar with all of the workings of the unit sub sections. He helped Area HQ move out of CFB Downsview. In



Master Warrant Officer April White, CD

Master Warrant Officer (MWO) April White enrolled in the Regiment as a private in 1984. She progressed through the ranks and achieved her current rank in 2003. During her career, MWO White has held various key positions in the Regiment including Finance Officer, Squadron Sergeant Major and Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) from 2006-2009. Since 2009, MWO white has been a Course Officer for the 32 Brigade Battle School. MWO White is married to Lance and they have a daughter, Carley. MWO White retires from the Canadian Forces as of May 1, 2013



Lieutenant Suganya Lee, CD



On September 21, 1995, Lieutenant Lee joined 12 Medical Company in Vancouver, British Columbia as a Private. Quickly realising that she did not want her civilian life and military life to be too similar, she transferred to 744 (Vancouver) Communication Regiment and completed Basic Training (QL2) in Dundurn, Saskatchewan in the summer of 1996. In February of 1997, she was promoted to Officer Cadet. Over the next few years of her military career she would spend her summers undergoing numerous career courses in Kingston, Borden and Petawawa Ontario.

In 2002 Lieutenant Lee was recruited to join a newly formed specialized Unit in the Canadian Forces known as Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC), where her personal attributes and civilian background made her a perfect CIMIC Operator. During her time with CIMIC she would be deployed with the Second Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry to serve as part of the NATO stabilization force in Drvar, Bosnia. In 2003 she returned to 744 (Vancouver) Communication Regiment as a Troop Commander.

In 2005, Lieutenant Lee moved to Hamilton, Ontario and transferred to the Land Force Central Area CIMIC Unit. She then subsequently transferred to 700 (Borden) Communication Squadron. With the amalgamation of both units 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment and 700 (Borden) Squadron she will end her service in the Canadian Forces as a member of 32 Signal Regiment.

Lieutenant Lee and her partner Geoff live in Toronto, Ontario where she continues to conduct vital infectious diseases research at The Hospital for Sick Children.

Sergeant Jeanette Botari, MMM, CD



Sergeant Botari joined the military in 1988 as a Finance Clerk with the Elgin Regiment, Royal Canadian Armoured Corps in St Thomas, Ontario. After completing her General Military Training at Camp Ipperwash she started what would lead to a distinguished 25 year military career. Soon after her Finance Clerk training, she accepted a full time position at the Militia Training and Support Centre in Meaford, Ontario and which led her, shortly after, to a position at Central Militia Area HQ Toronto. After spending some time in learning the ropes at the Headquarters, Sergeant Botari moved to London, Ontario and accepted a position at London Militia District HQ. After being promoted to Master Corporal in 1991, she crossed the parade square and became the Finance Non Commissioned Officer (NCO) at the 4th Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment (4RCR) in London, Ontario. In 1993 Sergeant Botari left for a six year "tour" of Petawawa working with 1RCR, 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, the RCR Battle School and finally 1st Air Defence Regiment.

In 1998 she left for Halifax NS with Ken where she served with the 1st Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders and then the Princess Louise Fusiliers. In 2000 Jan and Ken returned to Ontario and she accepted a position with Regional Cadet Support Unit

Headquarters in Borden. In 2005 the Botari Family was blessed with the birth of their daughter Emma. Jan, Ken and Emma then relocated to the Niagara Region where she joined 23 Field Ambulance. In 2007 the Botari family headed back to the Barrie area where she accepted a position as the Chief Clerk of 700 Communication Squadron (now 32 Signal Regiment).

During her 25 years of service Sergeant Botari has been awarded several Commanding Officer's Commendations as well as two Commander's Commendations. In 2012 Sergeant Botari's distinguished career was suitably recognized and she was invested into the Order of Military Merit - the highest meritorious honour that can be bestowed upon a member of the military.

Toronto Signals Band by John O'Leary



The Toronto Signals Band started their 2013 appearance season with a perennial favourite the Toronto Beaches Easter Parade. Out front this year is Drum Major Burke Gerhardt. He is followed closely by the new sleek look drums of the drum line.

Several new members experienced their first Easter parade. And others, like Ed Robinson (centre of the line) have per-



formed here for more than fifty years. Although the weatherman predicted gloom, not a drop of rain dampened the day or the huge crowds that turned out for the full length of the parade on Queen St. East.

As this is a very "casual" event, the Colour Guard got into the Easter Bunny spirit with an accessory to their pith helmets.



The crowd favourites are the Richards family members bringing up the rear: Patrick on (how can anyone carry that thing) contra-bass; Ken on canine lead and of course Angus in his “Second Signal Regiment” banners. These banners were actually carried by the Band’s glockenspiel players before an earlier name change.



This will be a very full year for the Band. In May, SIGs have been invited to Erie, Pennsylvania to assist in their War of 1812 commemorations. Although they think they won, we promise to behave as polite Canadians, be the token “Red Coats” and let them enjoy the day.

For those readers who like military and marching band music, you may want to attend any of the several tattoos in the schedule. SIGs will be appearing in Woodstock on May 20th; Cobourg on June 14th; Sudbury July 27th; Preston August 10th and of course at Fort York Armoury on August 17 – Warriors Day.



War of 1812 Military Parade

The Toronto Signals Band along with 1000 soldiers and sailors proudly participated in one of the largest military parades ever organized in Toronto.

The parade stepped off at Queen's Park at 11:30 a.m. and ended at Fort York Armoury.

The Canadian Forces honoured all of those who died on our soil at the Battle of York on April 27, 1813 and the 200 years of military presence in Toronto since the war. The parade stepped off from Queen's Park down University Avenue and across Richmond Street, south on Portland Street past the War of 1812 monument and then on to the Fort York Armoury. The parade included 13 marching bands, and a flourish of colourful ceremonial uniforms and Regimental Colours.

Prior to the start of the parade, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, presented a new Regimental Colour to the 3rd Battalion of The Royal Canadian Regiment at a 10 a.m. ceremony in front of the Queen's Park Legislative Assembly of Ontario. His Royal Highness has been the Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Canadian Regiment since December 1953.





Victory in Europe Ceremony in Toronto

We paid tribute to World War II veterans by hosting a Victory Day reception at Toronto City Hall on May 8, 2013. I was joined by over thirty World War II veterans and their families, Canadian and American military personnel, diplomats and elected officials for a wreath laying and commemorative ceremony.

It is an honour to pay tribute to these brave veterans and their families whose courage and sacrifices we must never forget. They gave so much to bring peace and freedom to Europe and beyond. The liberty we enjoy today in Canada is made possible by the legacy of Victory Day.

In attendance were members of the Canadian Association of World War II Veterans from the Former Soviet Union, Jewish War Veterans of Canada and representatives from the governments of the United States, Russia, Ukraine, Israel, France, Philippines, New Zealand, Australia, Austria and the Republic of Congo.

Thank you to everyone who attended to show their support and appreciation to the men and women who made our freedom possible. I would like to give a special thanks to Jonathan Delgado-Levin-Turner, Commander, 29th Division Association, HLCol Alex Moseanu and members of 32 Signal Regiment, Go drivers Rocco Ferraro and Allan Laite as well as Sonia and Darrin Hoy from the American Legion Post 817-Panorama City, California for their work helping to organize this great event.





and women exemplify, not only as defenders past and present of this great land we call home, Canada, but of the true nature of what makes Canada so unique and renowned in the world today.

This Regiment, not only the 32 Signal Regiment, and Toronto Signal Band, but also the 709 Cadets have been an exceptional host to not just fellow US Military units during exercise, but also to former members of the US Military. The 709 Cadets having a Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant as an instructor, hosting the headquarters of 2 US Veteran organizations, and opening your armoury and Christmas Dinner to welcome home a US Marine who finished a tour of Afghanistan. You have allowed these groups and members to be a part of all aspects of your Regiment and family, including Jimmy and Associates.

A few months back, LCol. Moseanu attended a meeting with members of the US State Department at the US Consulate to advise the US Government and Department of Defense of just how much the Canadian Armed Forces and it's regimental groups have done for those American soldiers and their families, and yet the US had not done anything to reciprocate to show their appreciation for our gracious Canadian hosts.

The outcome, although long overdue, set a new level of unprecedented forms of recognizing the unwavering friendship between our two countries.

In the first part of this "thank you", I would like to please ask the following 4 individuals to stand in file with me for a special presentation.

- LCol. Greg Stasyna
- LCol. Jack Lee
- LCol. Alex Moseanu
- Major Hal Buller

Gentlemen, it is my distinct honor, the first time in American Legion history, on behalf of the American Legion, and members of the Armed Forces of the United States, that Officers of the Canadian Armed Forces are presented with the American Legion Medal of Merit, for outstanding and exceptional support of the men and women of the American Legion, the US Military and our families.

Finally, I have been authorized to initiate 2 other firsts. The second "first", is to invite each and every one of you, to join the first Canadian Post, the only active Non US Post, and only the second foreign post of the 29th Infantry Division Association. Headquarters of the 29th has designated the Post number "3", after the 3rd Canadian Division and 3rd Canadian Infantry Division, both who served gallantly in both ww1 and 2 and many of the same fronts. Once the Post is fully established, command will be handed over to a Canadian, as a token of respect and thank you.

The 3rd First is a special offer, and also a first for the Marine Corps Association. A program and permission has been designed special for you, the members, associates of the Canadian military to join the Marine Corps Association and Foundation. This in itself is not that unique, but the fact that the Marine Corps will issue a coin, not normally authorized for a non-Marine to carry or flash, to all of those of you who join, with the Marine Corps sacred phrase "Once a Marine, Always A

Message from the American Legion Post By Jonathon Delgado-Levin-Turner



Good evening ladies and gentlemen of the 32 Signal Regiment and the Toronto Signals Band.

It is an honor to be a guest of this beautiful event, and to celebrate amongst the Junior and Senior ranks of the 32, and the members and family of the Canadian Armed Forces.

As tonight marks a milestone and happy occasion to celebrate the camaraderie and friendship of the Regiment within all ranks, tonight also marks a special milestone in US Military and veterans history.

Three separate items about to take place tonight marks and celebrates the incredible friendship and support you fine men

Marine.” The information is available in the back for those of you who have not yet read or received it.

On behalf of the American Legion, 29th Division, Marine Corps Association and Foundation, the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States, and especially me.

Thank you Canada.
God Save the Queen and God Bless Canada
Hooah-Semper Fi!

Military Biography
Captain Tianfu (Daniel) Zhang
Unit Operations Officer

Capt T. Zhang was born on 22 July 1984 in Vancouver, BC. He completed high school in BC and moved to Toronto to study at the University of Toronto. He graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering. Capt Zhang then joined the Canadian Forces (CF) in the same year as a Signals Officer through the Direct Entry Officer (DEO) program because he finds the military fascinating.

Upon completion of his phase training in Canadian Forces School of Communication and Electronics (CFSCE) in Kingston 2008, Capt Zhang was posted to 2 ASG Signal Squadron C Troop as a Troop Commander. In 2010, he was promoted to his current rank and posted to Land Forces Central Area Headquarter in Toronto as G6 Plans. Then in 2012 he was posted to 32 Signal Regiment as the Regimental Operations Officer.

Capt Zhang and his wife Journy currently live in Toronto. He is an avid basketball player since university and is currently the captain of the Toronto Garrison Basketball team competing annually in the CF Ontario Regional Basketball Championship.

CFB Borden—Range Weekend
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From: Chagnon Col FJ@C Army DLCI@Ottawa-Hull
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Fellow Signallers and members of the Communications and Electronics (C&E) Branch,

During his recent presentation to the Canadian Club of Toronto, the Minister of National Defence announced that the Government of Canada has restored the historical names of five Canadian Army Corps including that of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals (RCCS). This announcement was described as the next step in the phased approach that began in August 2011, when the historical name of the Canadian Army was restored.

This announcement is a proud moment for Signallers of all ranks regardless of where they are employed or whom they support as it acknowledges the rich tradition of the Corps and bestows upon the current members of the Corps the same qualities and reputation that our forebears were richly granted. We should definitely be proud of that fact and commit ourselves to carry on what they have started with as much professionalism, dedication, and sacrifice as they have.

Of course, the restoring of the royal designation means different things to different people. In the next few weeks, as we take the time to define what it means to us and decide on how we intend to display it, we must collectively keep in mind that there are two facts that are paramount: first, the RCCS remains a proud component of the Communications and Electronics Branch (C&E Branch) and second, that the Corps continues to be aligned with other Corps within the Canadian Army. To that end, it is essential that no initiative be taken, no events planned, and no changes made before we have had a chance to seek and obtain endorsement of the governance framework related to our Royal Canadian Corps of Signals.

A communiqué outlining the concept of implementation resulting from this name change is in the process of being drafted for consideration by senior leaders of the C&E Branch before being presented to the Commander of the Canadian Army for approval. You will be kept informed of the way forward on a regular basis.

I thank you in advance for your support and request that you please distribute this message to all members of the Corps and its extended family.

Velox Versutus Vigilans

À nos compagnons signaleurs et aux membres de la Branche des Communications et de l'Électronique,

Dans le cadre de sa présentation au Canadian Club de Toronto vendredi dernier, le ministre de la Défense nationale a an-

noncé que le gouvernement du Canada avait rétabli les noms historiques des cinq Corps d'armée canadiens, dont celui du Corps royal canadien des transmissions (CRCT). Cette annonce a été décrite comme étant une des étapes de l'approche graduelle débutée en août 2011, quand le nom historique de l'Armée canadienne a été rétabli.

Cette annonce représente un moment de fierté pour les signaleurs de tous les niveaux, quels que soient l'endroit où ils travaillent ou les personnes qu'ils soutiennent, car elle reconnaît la riche tradition du Corps et confère à ses membres actuels les mêmes qualités et la même réputation que celles de leurs prédécesseurs. Nous devons assurément être fiers de cette situation et nous engager à poursuivre fièrement ce que nous avons commencé à faire avec beaucoup de professionnalisme, de dévouement et de sacrifice, à l'instar de ceux qui ont fait de même avant nous. Évidemment, le rétablissement de la désignation royale signifie différentes choses pour différentes personnes. Au cours des prochaines semaines, pendant que nous prendrons le temps de définir ce que cela signifie pour nous, et de décider de la façon dont nous entendons l'afficher, nous devons collectivement nous rappeler qu'il existe deux faits qui sont particulièrement importants : d'abord, le CRCT demeure un fier élément de la Branche des communications et de l'électronique (Branche des C et E) et deuxièmement, les activités du Corps continuent de s'harmoniser avec celles des autres Corps au sein de l'Armée canadienne. C'est pourquoi il est essentiel qu'aucune mesure ne soit prise, qu'aucune activité ne soit planifiée et qu'aucun changement ne soit réalisé avant que nous ayons la possibilité d'analyser et d'obtenir l'approbation du cadre de gouvernance lié à notre Corps royal canadien des transmissions.

Un communiqué soulignant le concept de mise en œuvre découlant de ce changement de nom est en cours de rédaction et sera présenté aux dirigeants principaux de la Branche des C et E avant qu'il ne le soit au commandant de l'Armée canadienne à des fins d'approbation. Nous vous informerons régulièrement de l'évolution de ce dossier.

Je vous remercie à l'avance pour votre appui et vous demande de diffuser le présent message à tous les membres du Corps et à sa famille élargie.

Velox Versutus Vigilans

709 (Signals) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps



The Corps is currently parading 65 cadets and holds its weekly training on Wednesday nights at St John Bosco Catholic Elementary School in the Dufferin and Eglinton area. The Corps also conducts sport and training at Fort York Armoury (FYA) on occasion.

The Cadet Corps has had a fairly busy training year so far. In October we had an exercise at CFB Borden where the cadets practiced bushcraft. The Corps also conducted a tagging weekend to raise funds for the Corps. In November the Corps took part in the 32 Signal Regiment annual Church parade, a ceremonial parade that had Cadets putting a flag on grave of veterans in Sanctuary Cemetery and at the end of November the Corps had Saturday training at FYA where the Cadets fired the

air rifle. During all this the Corps also assisted the Royal Canadian Legion with its poppy campaign. In December the Corps trained at FYA where the Cadets took their harassment training and did other classroom lessons.

Shooting at the Zone Completion (First five are the 709 Team)

During January and February, outside normal weekly training there was little training for most Cadets. But the Shooting Club stepped up its shooting program to get ready for the Zone Air Rifle Competition. Since late October the Club had been shooting on most Monday nights at FYA in a basement classroom which the Cadets turn into a 10 meter Air Rifle range for those nights. Under the supervision of Adult Training Staff the Cadets honed their marksmanship skills on these Monday nights.

After hours of practice time shooting, buying new shooting jackets, scopes etc, assembled a rifle team. In February, the Corps sent the team of five cadets from to shoot at HMCS York in the Cadet Zone Shoot. Last year the Corps placed in the bottom third, this year the team took third place. Well done team!

As the weather warms up so does the training tempo of the Corps. In April the Corps conducted a one day of orienteering exercise. In May the Corps conducted a Weekend Navigation and Trekking exercise at CFB Borden. On the 25TH of May the Corps held its annual review parade at FYA.

In June the Corps will conduct a canoe weekend before standing down for the summer. During the summer a number of cadets will go away to a Cadet Summer Training Centre (CSTC) to take various courses. These courses vary from basic training, leadership training, marksmanship training and parachute training. The parachute course is a difficult course to be selected. However, one of our Cadets has passed the first hurdles by passing the fitness test. Hopefully he will succeed at being selected for the course this summer.

Have a good summer, see you in the fall.

CWO David Lowry CD for CO, Capt Andrew Milligan CD





Recipients are: LCol. Greg Stasyna CD, CWO Rob Carter CD, WO Elaine Darling CD, Sgt. Tommy Lo, MCpl Richard Lacroix CD, MCpl Won-Ho Kim, Cpl Guy Hamel CD, Cpl Jackie Lapensee.



Below: Captain Andrew Milligan, CD receives his Jubilee Medal.



Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Medals

The year 2012 marked the 60th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's reign as Queen of Canada. A special Medal was struck to commemorate the occasion.

32 Signal Regiment had a good number of recipients of the Jubilee Medal. To add to the significance of these awards, Members of the Regiment received their Medals at Queen's Park from His Honour David Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.





Obituaries



Robert Blenkhorn



BLENKHORN, Robert John - Passed away after a brief illness on April 1, 2013. Predeceased by his wife Margaret and son Steven. Loving father to Jackie and Maureen. Proud Grandfather to Alex (Samantha) and Katie. Dear brother-in-law to Colleen (Gary) and Jane. Fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Will be missed by his friends at Tim's. Bob was the past President and long time member of Jimmy and Associates. He Served with the Signal Corps during WWII.

Kathleen Caughie (Nee O'Dell)



Passed away peacefully at her home with her loving son and daughter at her side on Monday February 11, 2013 in her 90th year. Predeceased by her beloved husband Randolph and her son Randy. Dearest mom to William (Barbara), Fred (Eileen), Linda McKechnie and Dorothy Shepherd. Predeceased by seven

sisters and one brother. Cherished grandma and great grandma of 14 grand children and 21 great grand children. Special thanks to the staff and care givers at Meighen Manor for all their wonderful care and compassion.

William Chandler



CHANDLER, William "Bud" - Veteran of WWII; LCol 8th Sig. Reg., P. Engineer at Ontario Hydro for 31 years. Passed away peacefully in Toronto on Friday, February 1, 2013 in his 93rd year. Predeceased by his beloved wife Catherine "Katie" and his daughters Joan Mercer and Elizabeth Chandler.

In 1936, Bud Chandler joined the Fort Garry Horse in Winnipeg. While attending U of Manitoba he enrolled in the COTC program. In March of 1942 he enlisted in the active army and proceeded overseas in 1943. Bud served with the Canadian Air Support Signals until 1945. After cessation of hostilities, Bud was promoted Captain and served with the 3rd Canadian Repat Depot in 1946. As a Captain 1947 he joined 8th Sigs and promoted to Major 1952 and retired in 1956 as CO due to help concerns. He received his CD November 1956.

George Lackonick



LACKONICK, George Col (Ret'd) - CD PEng., MBA, MPA It is with great sadness that Colonel George's family announces that he passed away peacefully in their loving arms on Sunday, February 17th, 2013 at age 73. George leaves behind his beloved wife Madeline (nee White), his loving son Vincent (Rosita) and daughter Dianne (Greg), his sisters Anne and Roseanne (Ted) and brothers Bill and Joe. He was predeceased by his parents John and Helen, sisters Mary and Pauline and brother Henry.

John Alexander Reynolds



Passed peacefully on January 31, 2013 in Toronto in his 91st year. Cherished husband of Margaret Reynolds who predeceased him last July having been married for 63 years. Predeceased by his two sisters Elsie and Mary. Loving father of Brian (Martha) and Glenn (Barbara) Reynolds. John was the caring and loving

Grandpa of Colin and Peter Reynolds, Katherine Kincaid (Scott), Kristin Reynolds-Crate (Rob) and Andrew Reynolds. Great-grandfather to Nicholas and Stella. John loved his family dearly and valued his relationships with many close friends. John was a WWII Veteran of the Italian and European Campaigns serving in the Canadian Signal Corps. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 345 and the Jimmy (Signals) Association of Canada. John was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 353 for over 70 years serving on the Retirees Executive Committee for over 20 years.

Beechwood National Military Cemetery Faithful to Canada, and Honoured by Canadians



In 2001, Beechwood became the home of the National Military Cemetery of the Canadian Forces. Section 103 is dedicated to honouring the memory of Canadian service personnel who faithfully served their country in war and peace, at home and abroad, sometimes making the supreme sacrifice on its behalf. It occupies 8.29 acres of beautifully landscaped terrain that is maintained by The Beechwood Cemetery Foundation in

partnership with the Department of National Defence (DND). In 2003 DND exercised an option to purchase the burial rights to another section, expanding the National Military Cemetery by 2 hectares. It consists of about 12,000 spaces for traditional interments and cremated remains.

In 2007 The Beechwood Cemetery Foundation, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the Department of National Defence and Veterans Affairs Canada established the National Military Cemetery. It brought together all those who died on active service, whose death was related to service or who served honorably and chose to rest among their comrades in the sacred grounds of sections 19, 27, 29 and 103.

Eligibility

All currently serving and honorably released Regular and Reserve Force members of The Canadian Forces, members honorably released from a former Canadian Service, Canadian Veterans of the World Wars or Korean War and the Canadian Merchant Navy, are eligible to be interred in the NMC. One designated family member may also be interred in the same plot as the service member. Verification of entitlement will be established in every case.

Registration

A completed application should be forwarded to the DND address below. Qualified applicants will be notified of their acceptance and authorized to make arrangements directly with the Liaison to the NMC.

The Centre
c/o Director of Casualty Support Management
National Defence Headquarters
Major-General Georges R Pearkes Building
101 Colonel By Drive
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0K2

Email : centre@forces.gc.ca Fax: 613-996-1493

[Visit DND Website](#) | [NMC Application Form \(PDF\)](#)

Arrangements

Once eligibility has been determined, applicants may complete their pre-arrangements. Beechwood's Liaison will coordinate the purchase, production and installation of a headstone in accordance with specifications that are pre-determined by DND. Graves will not be pre-selected nor will they be allocated on the basis of rank, service, regiment or personal preference.

Military Presence

Subject to availability and according to the wishes of the family, a military presence can be made available at graveside service when conducted within Section 103. This includes an Honour Guard, Padre, Bugler or Piper. Military presence is provided out of respect to the member, and fees will not be assessed for this service.

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