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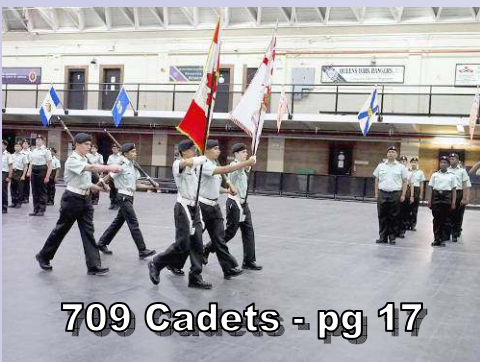
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## From the Editor's Desk

### Happy Holidays

From myself and the contributors of the eCommunicator — Wishing you and your loved ones good health, peace, joy and prosperity this season and all seasons to come.

Sgt Richard Lacroix, CD

## Letters to the Editor

*"Thank you for that Jack. I thoroughly enjoyed it despite the fact that I do not know most of the people but it is gratifying that there is still a lot of activity in the Military family of the Signals."*

Mr. Bill Gordon

*"Hi Jack, just read the eCommicator (Sprint 2016). It is long. I found that the single column is much easier to read on line than the 2 column format. With the 2 column format, I had to scroll back up to get the second column which is a chore."*

Gerry Lee

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# Command Team

## Commanding Officer's Message

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As I contemplate my message for the December 2016 edition of our newsletter, I think about all of the years this unit has been in existence in various forms since 1907 as the 2nd Signalling Company of the Canadian Signalling Corps, the men and women who have served with our unit in Toronto, Borden and Hamilton, the historical ties with The Toronto Signals Band, our affiliation with our three Cadet Corps, Jimmy and Associates, our Regimental Association and our association with the Hong Kong Ex-Serviceman's Association, I cannot think of a more important endeavour than to formerly capture our history in the most complete and professional manner that we can so that we have a lasting legacy that we can all be proud of. Many serving and retired members agree and this is why I have commissioned an author that will write our history and if the conditions are right, we might see our history bound in a hard cover book that will be available in time for our 110th Anniversary in October 2017. Our author, Brooke Belliveau, has a degree in Journalism and has been working as a reporter for the Borden Citizen and met with the leadership of the Regiment during our summer exercise STALWART MERCURY, where she wrote an article to help raise the awareness of 32 Signal Regiment at CFB Borden. A strong interest in military history coupled with a desire to expand her writing experience, she was approached and agreed to write our story knowing that the timeline before our 110th anniversary is very tight. To help her achieve success, we have put together a team that will oversee the research efforts led by Col (ret'd) John Catto; an Editorial Committee that will include Ms. Renny deGroot; a Funds Raising Committee that will include Maj (ret'd) Hal Buller, a Communications and Public Relations expert, LCol (ret'd) Jack Lee will oversee our communications plan; while LCol (ret'd) Greg Stasyna has agreed to lead the Executive Committee to ensure the timeline provided by our DCO, Maj Alfred Lai, is respected. But this team is very small and there is a lot of work to be done. Fortunately, as a great starting point, we have an excellent historical outline that was put together by Capt Stew Briggs, hundreds of photographs that can be used, past editions of the Communicator, historical reports, etc. To make this book our own, it should reflect the people that made the history, followed by the achievements, the individual and collective stories that made this unit successful, personal anecdotes, and be exclusive of our entire family. For this to be successful, I will ask every serving and retired member of our Regimental Family to do their own research, dig in to their personal archives and find photos, provide captures, or provide their stories to our Research team led by John Catto as soon as you can. Our target completion date for the first draft is June 2017, so the earlier you can provide your stories, anecdotes and photos the more complete our book will be and the better chance you will have to see yourselves immortalized in our book. To help focus on the need, the stories should be about your contributions to the Regiment or its supporting tasks/exercise.

Since my past update, we did bid farewell to our VCDS and senior Signaller, LGen Guy Thibault during the Retired Officers Annual Dinner held in Kingston in June. After a long and distinguished career, and only the 3rd officer originating from the C&E Branch to have ever been promoted to his current rank, Lieutenant-General Guy Thibault said his goodbyes to our Branch Family at this event which was attended our own HCol Jim Leech, our DCO, Maj Alfred Lai and myself. We wish him and his wife Bev the very best in their retirement and extend to them an ever-lasting welcome to visit our unit at any time.

Also in June, I was proud to preside over three Annual Ceremonial Reviews for the Muskoka Pioneers (1st), 709 Cadet Corps (6th) and 142nd Mimico Sqn (11th). For the 142nd Mimico Sqn, this Annual Review was particular special as it was on this date that we made our affiliation a formal one, complete with the signing of a commemorative certificate that will forever mark the moment.

In July, I must highlight one special event, the Nijmegen March in which one of our own was selected for the team and completed the March with success, Sgt Carl Rogala. Speaking with him after the event, he thoroughly enjoyed the experience and counts this as one of the activities he will remember for the rest of his life. This was a special event for a member of the Regiment who will be retiring from the Canadian Armed Forces in 2017 after a brilliant career with 32 Signal Regiment and 700 Comm Sqn.

August 2016 marked the first time that EX STALWART WARRIOR was executed by 32 Signal Regiment on behalf of 4 Division at CFB Borden, where it was tasked to provide an exercise environment for the ACCIS Development Period (DP) 1 candidates from each of the three Ontario based Signal Regiments, candidates from other Divisions; for ACISS DP 2 candidates and finally as a tool to train our own members in a collective training environment as our members did not participate in EX STALWART GUARDIAN this year. Being in one location for two weeks straight provided me with a good assessment where the Regiment was in terms of strengths and weaknesses. The resulting assessment was that the unit needed to be specialized in order to continue to meet expectations in an era of great challenges in face of insufficient equipment to sustain the volatile technical skills required of the modern Signaller. 1 Squadron Borden, as a result, is focused on the provision of headquarters command posts, VHF communications and QRT based HF comms, while 2 Sqn Toronto is focused on the networking components of the Land Command Support System (LCSS) including server, workstations, routers and switches, satellite communications based on GATR and static HF/VHF communications. As a Regiment, 32 Signal Regt will continue to provide the complete solution for the Brigade's requirements, however the subject matter expertise will come from a composite Signal Platoon composed of elements from both Squadrons.

In October, we celebrated 90 years of excellence from our very own Toronto Signals Band. That excellence was recognized by our Branch Leadership who saw fit in awarding the Band with its own C&E Branch Commendation, and seven individual commendations for exceptional contributions: Barry Bell; Burke Gerhardt; Chester Jablonski; David Douglas; Doug Johns; Ed Robinson; and Ted Blight all received recognition for their long and distinguished service. I would like to thank our C&E Branch/RCCS Corps Colonel-Commandant, BGen (ret'd) Bill Richard for presiding over the presentation of the awards. On the same day that the Toronto Signals Band was being honoured in Toronto, our HCol Jim Leech was being inducted to the RMCC Wall of Honour in Kingston, in a ceremony hosted by Cmdt RMC, BGen Sean Friday. Congratulations are extended to the Toronto Signals Band and to HCol Leech for their contributions and their awards.

C&E PD week this past October was focused on network operations and Cyber. As most people are aware, the internet of things has provided us all more access to information and services but with this freedom comes challenges and threats. In the spirit of Cyber, our own Regiment has initiated a Cyber Club proposed by Sgt Haygarth, which was approved this past September. The intent is to have a venue where those who have skills and interest in computers and the cyber environment can get together and share their experiences. The Club will first operate with members of the Regimental Family and once on solid ground, will open its doors to people with interest from outside the Regiment.

Also during the C&E PD week, members of our Regimental Family were honoured: first, the Hamilton Signals Association was honoured with a Branch Commendation. Receiving the award that was presented by the Branch Leader MGen Loos were Terri McGillvray and Mike Leatham. This was followed by the Visual Signalling Team being presented with a Collective Heritage award by the Col-Cmdt, BGen Richard and the Branch Leader. On hand to receive this award were: Frank Von Rosenstiel, Rick Little, Andrew Barber, and Ron Kirk. Last but not least, HLCol Ken Lloyd was also presented with a Heritage Award, Individual class for his work in promoting our heritage. Congratulations to each and everyone one of the recipients – their efforts bring great honour to our Regimental Family.

The C&E PD week also included EX NOBLE SKYWAVE, the C&E Branch's annual international HF exercise. For this year's exercise, 32 Signal Regiment provided a team that operated in conjunction with the JROC. My intent is to leverage this exercise to continue to build on our long range communications skills.

On the 5th of Nov, we held our second Regimental Remembrance Day ceremony at York Cemetery in conjunction with 32 CER. The parade was very well attended with over 300 members on parade. A second Regimental Parade was held in Bracebridge on 11th of November proper. Both events contributed in the overall aim of remembrance and respect for veterans who have sacrificed so much for our freedom that we enjoy today, and I thank everyone who participated in making each event the success that they were.

During this past summer, we bid farewell to two key members of our Regiment, WOs Carmen Corrado and Mark Witkowski who were posted to CFJSR and Borden TIS respectively. We welcomed WO Richard Finn from CFJSR for a short time, and welcomed WO Lee Whalen who returned to 32 Signal Regiment and has assumed a role as Ops WO at 1 Sqn Borden.

Looking ahead, we will be holding our annual Soldier's Christmas Dinner on Saturday, 10 December as part of an exercise weekend. On the 1st of January 2017, we will be welcoming in the New Year with the annual Levee. With the 100th Anniversary of the battle of Vimy, 32 Signal Regiment will be sending members of the Regiment to France to participate in the C&E Branch's Battlefield Tour, and experience that is sure to be memorable to the participants.

I would like to conclude with a few thoughts – first, a big thank you to Jack Lee, Sgt Richard Lacroix and everyone responsible for the production of the Communicator; second, I would like to reiterate my request for everyone to dig through their archives for items that can be used in the writing of our history; and finally, I would like to wish everyone the very best that the Holiday Season can bring. This has been a great year, and I look forward in seeing everyone back safely and ready for another productive and rewarding year.

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## Command Team

### Regimental Sergeant-Major

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#### An RSM's Perspective on Leadership In a Reserve Signal Regiment

by CWO Marcel Mallia, CD

Being the RSM of a Reserve Signal Regiment has been a dream come true for me, now it feels like Groundhog Day..... Since the very day I joined, RSM was always the position I aimed for and when it became reality, the euphoria was as incredible as the trepidation. I asked past RSM's for advice and it was quite simple .... have fun! Some advice I thought!

Then I began reminiscing about the RSMs in my career that had had the most profound effect on me. They were the ones who worked with the troops and did not occupy their position purely because they wore their rank. To them, the job was much more than just enforcing dress, discipline and deportment.

As I see it, a Reserve Signal Regiment is a combination of all the arms and trades, consequently a successful leadership style has to be a combination of styles. The Regiment's role is to provide the Commanding Officer with the capability to command and control his force in garrison and operations. This entails much more than turning on a few radios or answering a few e-mails. We have to be self sufficient in terms of support (beans, bullets, "benzene" and maintenance), administration (pay, career progression, pers docs, leave, etc.) and we have to do it extremely well every week. I shudder to think of the consequences if we should fail to perform our primary function. If the Commanding Officer can't command his force in garrison or operations, than the force is lost. I can relate this to leading the troops of this Regiment.

So it goes that when I assumed this position, I vowed I would work with the troops, but I can not do it alone. That's where my Senior NCOs and Warrant Officers came into the picture. Shortly after taking over, I met with my WO's & Sgt's to give them my expectations of them. I asked four things of them: honesty, loyalty, integrity and professionalism. I also requested their support in the implementation of the plans as laid out by the Commanding Officer and discussed with them the two-way channel of communication direction going down and their feedback coming back up.

I pledged my support to them in all their endeavours providing they were going in the right direction and requested they look after their troops, since they are the primary reason we are here. I stressed the importance of having a sense of urgency (as opposed to panic!) in all they did and to seek assistance when they were having problems or were unsure of what to do.

Finally, I provided my views on the importance of establishing and maintaining a cohesive team and that meant that we worked WITH the officers. I would not tolerate a "we - they" attitude.

None of the above will be found in any book or aide-memoir. If you want a textbook definition of leadership I can give you several references. My concept of leadership is a compilation of many documented leadership theories and definitions but is most of all a hands-on application of personal experiences within the parameters of your authority. There is no definite right or wrong way - if it works then it's the right way. You may approach a situation in one manner one day and in a totally different manner the next. Far too often I have seen the wrong approach or the same approach inflexibly applied, achieving unacceptable results long after it was clear that the approach wasn't working. Once a leader loses a soldier's trust and respect, it is a difficult procedure to get it back. The ability to be flexible and have an open mind is crucial in my opinion.

I should mention another important aspect of the RSM's position and that is the need for a strong working relationship with the Commanding Officer. An open door policy is essential, with the ability to use each other as a sounding board, to check with each other to ensure you're working from the same song sheet, to provide mutual support in difficult times and to give each other the enlisted, commissioned perspective on all matters. I'll always remember the "pact" my CO and I agreed upon - we would always be seen together and we would not be tied to our desks. After almost two years together, it's been easier said than done!

It's also important to have an ability to check on yourself. You can use checklists and inner soul searching - one of the boldest ways I've seen is to present yourself to your subordinates in an open forum, review your goals, how you achieved them and discuss the results. I'll guarantee you it is not the most comfortable position to voluntarily put yourself in. I can tell you how pleasantly surprised you will be when it's over, and what a reality check!

This method has several positive aspects to it. First, you review your goals. Second, you review your results. Third, you discuss alternatives and finally, you adjust accordingly.

I must also discuss the requirement to challenge your subordinates to develop their own leadership skills and styles. I've occasionally fallen into the trap that if you want a job done well, you need to do it yourself. You are guaranteed to achieve the desired results but what a missed opportunity for you subordinates. Do not be snowed that they are too busy for additional tasks or training. Part of being a leader is prioritizing and managing time and task. Professional development should be initiated at the lowest level - the Cpl/MCpl - with appropriate discussions and tasks developed all the way up the chain, increasing the difficulty and types of tasks appropriate with the rank. Again, there is no prescription as to what should be presented. Topics can be as simple as organizing a unit parade to preparing a deployment plan, it presenting a weapon handling class. We have to maintain our knowledge and practice of traditions and heritage introduce and practice mess etiquette and discuss leadership issues. Policies and procedures are always changing as is equipment and technology. Don't forget cross training, exchange visits with other units, financial planning and counselling. When all else fails, there is always dress, discipline and deportment.

I guess the only limiting factors are your own imagination and the time to do it all. I can tell you that in the past two years there have not been two days the same and definitely no boring periods. One day you are on the parade square, the next on a rifle range. One week you're preparing for deployment to the field and the next week you're in the field on that exercise. One week you're chairing unit PER boards and the next you're preparing for the Annual Technical Inspection, and next month preparations being for a parade...on it goes.

So, what is the best way to lead your troops? If I may borrow and slightly modify a line from Frank Sinatra - you have to do it your way!

What is it like to lead the best troops in the world? It is humbling, varied, involved, challenging, demanding, satisfying, disappointing, easy, difficult, to sum it up, it's far more than enforcing dress, deportment, and discipline, and: It is always FUN!

# Command Team

## Honorary Colonel Jim Leech, CM

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In September I had the honour to address the Cadet Wing at Royal Military College. The Commandant had asked me to make a connection between what I had experienced through my military time and what I had accomplished in my business career.

I knew that everybody's story is different but I wanted to get across to the Cadets that what I learned, what I experienced during my military years, stayed with me and gave me a "leg up" in my "after years". At RMC, I was the youngest in my class. I had no idea what to study so I signed up for what I was told was the hardest – Honours Math and Physics. My brother had proceeded me at Roads – he was the Rugby Captain and heavy weight boxing champ – I weighed 135 lbs and was clearly not able to live up to expectations in those areas! In second year at age 18, I was Cadet Wing Commander, reporting to a General with 300 cadets reporting to me (130 of which were peers in class and sports field).

### Learnings:

- Manage up, down and sideways
- Live/play with peers at same time as being their leader
- Multi task – balance: academics, sports, military, social lives

Then came my life in the army after RMC – I graduated as a newly minted 20 year-old RC Sigs officer and was immediately posted in Europe to 1stR22eR. I later became the battalion communications officer which meant that I had to work simultaneously in French and English – only problem was that I did not speak French fluently. I had to resolve that quickly if I wanted to gain the confidence of my Commanding Officer, fellow officers and soldiers.

### Learnings:

- This was my first real life leadership position – these soldiers and NCOs were not like me and my fellow cadets: they were trained and knew what they were doing; but they were also much older, had families and issues in their lives to which I as a young man, barely in my twenties, could hardly relate
- I was given a lot of responsibility which taught me disciplined problem solving
- I learned the experience of being a minority
- Manage up and down with much higher consequences
- I learned that the world was bigger than Canada. I saw a lot through our military exercises and, on our time off, we took every opportunity to explore the four corners of Europe and the Mediterranean

Three years later when I left the army, I became a student at Queens. I needed to learn something about business in order to feed my family – the military had been our "family business" and I had had no business role models in my life. During those MBA years, I could see that the leadership training and experiences that I had gained in my army time far eclipsed that of my fellow students and the management leadership courses taught at the business school – I quickly realized that this was **my competitive advantage**.

So two years after leaving the army and having finished my MBA, I was out looking for a job. My resume was a bit odd – no summer or part-time jobs during undergrad – three years of deployment in Germany. Everywhere I interviewed I was always asked "What relevance is your time in the military to the [Insert] industry?"

Fortunately, my Hons Math and Physics degree from RMC was well recognized so I did not have to explain my education.

With respect to my military time my answer was crystal clear. Through my military experience:

- ◇ I know how to manage up and down
  - ◆ Managing down does not just mean giving orders. Yes, you do some of that but as a leader, it's more about creating the right motivational environment
- ◇ I have attention to detail
- ◇ I have worked in a persistent "mission focussed" culture i.e. we would not fail. You would be surprised how many in business struggle with the concept of Mission and Vision.
- ◇ I am used to and in fact thrive on challenges
  - ◆ I know how to analyze problems or a situation - in real time. Interestingly, I still use the expression SITREP i.e. I know how to plan
  - ◆ I know how to make decisions, again, in real time – also how to adjust in the face of new information, in real time
- ◇ I have had a boat load of formal and informal leadership training – in fact I had held leadership positions with large numbers of people since my late teens
- ◇ I have self-discipline, loyalty and dedication to the team
- ◇ I have lived and worked internationally – that was a rarity in the mid 70's
- ◇ And, they loved that I called everyone "sir" – hey a little respect goes a long way and makes an impression!

I don't think that those attributes of a military officer have changed one iota since 1973 –the list has only expanded and become more relevant with: more emphasis on the international perspective; more experience with complex technologies (in my day we still learned Morse Code); and, of course, far more exposure to real life and death situations and decisions in combat.

Conclusion: Experience and learnings gained through military service is very relevant and easily transferable to a business or public service career. I am a living example.

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## Command Team

### Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Ken Lloyd, CD MA

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"Now we sprint!" the Honourable Kevin Flynn Member of Provincial Parliament with John Oliver, Member of the Federal Parliament stepped back from the saluting dais as my salute dropped and the tail of the parade passed the dais. This was the last of three parades I had promised to do during Remembrance week. The local Legion organizers said they wanted an Army guy as a change from the usual flood of Navy types. Our little group of dignitaries fast walked through the back lanes of Oakville heading for the Cenotaph before the front of the parade arrived there. Oakville has the oddity of the saluting base being two city blocks from the cenotaph. "Don't worry", smiled Mayor Rob Burton, as we hurried together "They'll wait for you!" This was an energetic end to a busy Remembrance week where 32 Signals Regiment were represented in ceremonies in Bracebridge, Borden, Toronto, York, Burlington and Bronte. If you know of any other locations where 32 Signals were represented during Remembrance please let me know so that we can assess how effective our community Outreach has been during this period of high visibility for the military.







The Old Guard from 709 Comm Regt meet again. A remembrance parade is a great place to meet old friends.

Frank Vonrosenstiel and Cark Leroux took a convoy of The Memorial Signals Troop vehicles to the Bracebridge Parade for Borden Squadron. The Line Troop vehicle assuredly maintained its reputation as the sexiest signal vehicle on parade. Frank also supported the Vintage Signals team at Casa Loma where Rick Little, Kirk Cambell, and Mike Triska provided a WW1 Signals display in support of the Queens Own Rifles Remembrance Day and events.



An important part of our Remembrance week was to give honour to those who have passed in the line of duty. At the Oakville cenotaph a special moment took place at the bronze memorial plaque honouring Colonel Geoff Parker, who was born and raised in Oakville and killed in Kabul Afghanistan. He was the highest-ranking Canadian Forces soldier to be killed in Afghanistan. Sgt Duncan Lloyd had occasion to meet Col Parker in Kabul and shared some memories with members of the Parker family. The signallers at the memorial placed their poppies in the memorial as an act of remembrance.



As part of Remembrance we also give honour to our surviving veterans. This included a Signals presentation at the Access Abilities Veterans Luncheon at the Burlington Conference Centre where Hal and Lynda Buller joined with a full team of Andy Barber, Ron Kirk, and Rev Bill Thomas, Padre of HMCS HAIDA helped George Stal and Terri McGillivray to give a dashing and emotional display of Signals from WW1 to Korea.



On the Danforth, as part of our Schools education programme, Mike Leatham, Kirk Cambell with Andy Barber and Ron Kirk supported Royal Canadian Legion Branch 11 where 300 students visited our exhibit on the history of Signals from WW1. The Toronto Signals Band our ambassadors during Remembrance have their own piece in this magazine. However it would be remiss not to include this wonderful picture of them in fine step.



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## Regimental History in Preparation

*by Major Alfred Lai, CD | Project Manager*

32 Signal Regiment has a long history of serving Canada tracing back to the inception of our predecessor units in the first decade of the Twentieth Century. The Regiment will celebrate our 110th Anniversary in the Fall of 2017. Our celebration coincides with the 110th Anniversary of the founding of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals as well as the 150th Anniversary of Confederation of Canada. In order to commemorate this auspicious occasion the Commanding Officer has commissioned a Regimental History book to record the stories of our people, the history of the lineage of the Regiment from our predecessor units. The book will include stories of our exploits at war, keeping the peace, and serving Canadians at home. It is time to tell our stories and preserve them for future generations.

We are looking for contributors and volunteers to help in information collection, with research or simple telling your stories. Here is a list of item that you may be able to contribute;

1. Personal anecdote and stories of your experience with the Regiment (and/or our predecessors). Ideally in 200 to 300 words or less;
2. Photographs of yourselves, uniforms, and equipment. Photographs could be taken on exercises, operations, at war or peacekeeping overseas or just having plain fun;
3. Any documents recording your service and the activities of the units in the past; and
4. Contribute and take part in the project by volunteering to join one or all of the working-groups now being formed to support the project. These are the Executive Committee, the Fund Raising Committee, the Research Committee and the Editorial Committee.

Please contact LCol Lee for offering your support or requesting more information about the project.

All submissions can be sent to this repository email address:  
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## From the Regiment Awards and Promotions



**Major Ric Rangel-Bron, CD**

**Major Ric Rangel-Bron, CD**  
Promotion to the rank of Major.



**CWO Dave Lowry, CD**

**CWO Dave Lowry, CD**  
Recipient of his third clasp to the Canadian Decoration.

## From the Regiment Logistics Branch



The complete Logistics Branch Newsletter is available online.  
<http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/caf-community-branches-logistics/newsletter.page>

**"SERVITIUM NULLI SECUNDUS"**

# From the Regiment

## Remembrance Day

York Cemetery | Saturday November 5

The Remembrance Day parade was held at the York Cemetery on Saturday, November 5th. 32 Signal Regiment combined with 32 Combat Engineer Regiment for the service of Remembrance at the cenotaph. The parade was led by the Toronto Signals Band, 709 Signals Cadet Corps and Air Cadet Squadrons participating.





We will remember them.

**City of York Regional Administration Building | Friday November 11th**



# From the Regiment

## "PUSH" 500

### 32 Sigs Participates In A "PUSH" With RAF Regt Veteran Sean Allerton

by Major Rangel-Bron

On Monday, 19 Sep 2016, 32 Signal Regiment hosted RAF Regiment Veteran Gunner Sean Allerton conduct what is known as a "PUSH" as part of a fundraising effort for the various charities of the Royal Air Force Association to assist injured members and their families.



Sean Allerton served with the RAF Regiment, a specialized infantry unit of the Royal Air Force that specializes in force protection special operations at RAF Stations around the world. Whilst deployed in the Middle East, Sean was involved in a serious motor vehicle accident while off duty that left him a paraplegic. After years of therapy and medical procedures, Sean has dedicated his life to 'giving back to those who gave so much to me', doing this through his "PUSH" marathons where he rolls up the miles doing laps around various locations across the UK, Europe and now Canada with the help of 32 Signal Regiment.

Sean has a loyal following of 'fans', both individual and corporate, many of whom make financial through his website to the charities that Sean conducts a "PUSH" for. 100% of the funds raised through the donations go to the charities, including a charity that specializes in teaching persons with disabilities how to fly.

Throughout the hours that Sean spent at Fort York doing laps around the parade square, there was not a single lap taken without a member of the Regiment rolling along side in a second wheelchair, including LCol Bergeron, CWO Mallia, Sgt Dalcourt, Cpl Nguyen and Pte Vernon to name just a few. While not able to participate in a wheelchair, Master Seaman Shirley Tidalgo (our mother to be) joined in by walking beside Sean for a couple of laps!



By the end of the evening, the "PUSH" completed, Sean was thankful, humbled, and I would say pleasantly overwhelmed by the support and friendship extended by the soldiers of 32 Signal Regiment. Sean took the opportunity to speak to the members of the Regiment and had a group photo taken. Sean was also presented with a few keepsakes from the Regiment, including a Canadian Forces Soldier On hoodie, which Sean says "has come in handy and got lots of attention back here in England".

Regardless of the challenges he faces, Sean has not slowed down in his dedication to continue to serve others or his zest for life. In addition to his "PUSH" activities, Sean is a Civilian Instructors in the RAF Air Cadet programme, and is a volunteer member of the Royal Air Force Association (RAFA) working with the executive to address Veterans issues. Of course, he is already making plans to return to 32 Sigs for another "PUSH" in 2017, where Sean hopes to conduct a 24 hour "PUSH" at Fort York.

You can learn more about Sean and his good works at:

<http://www.push500.com/>

You can see photos from the 32 Sig PUSH at:

<http://www.push500.com/fort-york-armoury-19-09-2016/>



# From the Regiment

## Ministers Veteran's Affairs Commendation

by HLCol Kenneth Lloyd, CD MA | Oakville, ON

September 23, 2016

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Kenneth Lloyd is a Veteran of the British and Canadian Armed Forces. He is the President of the Hamilton Signals Association and, over the past five years, under his leadership, the association has developed into a caring, nurturing, and supporting organization for Veterans, young and old, and youth.

Mr. Lloyd's service with the Canadian Armed Forces included three years in charge of a Dispute Resolution Centre. The knowledge he gained in this position has helped him to establish expert contacts for the Association who are able to advise older and current Veterans, medically released members, and families of Veterans in their queries and difficulties with transitioning out of the military family. He was also a driving force behind a welcome package that is presented to returning reservists, thanking them for their service, introducing them to an association contact, and outlining assistance the Association can offer for their reintegration. Through Mr. Lloyd's guidance, the Association has proven instrumental in helping Veterans and their families seek out the support and social services they require. Mr. Lloyd also founded a program within the Association to ensure that deserving members get recognized for their sacrifice and are able to attend significant commemorative events.

His leadership has led to the evolution of the Association's commemorative outreach, including the mobile exhibition, which travels to many commemorative events and schools. He and association members also dress in period clothing at events and teach younger generations the role that signallers and linemen played during Canada's major conflicts.





# Cadets

## 709 Signals Army Cadet Corps

by Capt Steven Morgan



September marked the beginning of the 2016/2017 training year for 709 Toronto Signals Cadet Corps. We continue to train at St. Thomas Aquinas school on Wednesday evenings from 1830 to 2130, with some training activities also held at Fort York Armoury on Monday evenings and weekends. The cadets range in age from 12 to 18 and are distributed among five training levels.



On Monday, June 6th, the corps held its Annual Review at Fort York Armoury. The cadets demonstrated their drill on the parade square, and awards were presented to recognize top performance throughout the training year. The Reviewing Officer for the 2016 Annual Review was LCol Daniel Bergeron CD, Commanding Officer of 32 Signal Regiment. The Toronto Signals Band once again provided music, and did a wonderful job. We are very thankful for the support shown to us by all members of the Regimental family who attended. This year's annual review is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2017.

During the summer break, many of our cadets spent between two and six weeks attending courses at Cadet Summer Training Centres in Blackdown and Connaught. This year, cadets completed courses in Drill and Ceremonial, Expedition, Marksmanship, Sports and Fitness, and General Training. The cadets returned home eager to share their newfound expertise with others. WO Cristianna Giallo was awarded top cadet on the Sports and Fitness Instructor course at Blackdown.

One of the training requirements of the Army Cadet program is completion of two annual expedition weekends. On October 14-16, Gold Star (fourth year) cadets travelled to Kelso Conservation Area in Milton to practice their expedition skills. Cadets were split into small teams with cadets from other corps. The weekend was spent mountain biking and hiking along the Niagara Escarpment, working together to pack and carry kit, prepare meals, set up and tear down biv sites, and navigating from point to point along the route.

Our annual navigation and trekking exercise was held on the weekend of October 21-23 at Base Borden. Lessons learned about maps, compasses, and GPS receivers in the classroom were practically applied in the outdoors. Cadets spent the weekend navigating and hiking as members of a team. HLCOL Lloyd stopped by for a visit to see the cadets training. Saturday evening concluded with a night time

orienteering competition and bonfire. Sunday was spent trekking and playing sports, with a rare opportunity to watch parachutists jump out of a plane just before heading home.

The corps marked Remembrance Day by several events this year. Cadets assisted Royal Canadian Legion Branches 66 and 75 with their Poppy Campaign on October 29. The corps proudly participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremony at York Cemetery on November 5, marching alongside 32 Signal Regiment. On November 11, ten cadets from 709 participated in the Sunrise Remembrance Day Ceremony at Prospect Cemetery, where they laid a wreath on behalf of the corps.

Once again, the Royal Canadian Military Institute asked to corps for our support at their annual Family Day on November 20. Cadets were tasked with supervising members' children while they watched the Santa Claus Parade from the balconies. On this same weekend, six of our most senior cadets attended the Master Cadet Workshop weekend, where they had the opportunity to learn more about their roles as senior leaders within the corps, and to develop their leadership skills.

For more information on our corps and to read about upcoming events, please visit our website:

<http://www.709cadets.ca/>  
and Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/709army>

On behalf of the Officers and Cadets of 709 Toronto Signals Cadet Corps, I would like to thank 32 Signal Regiment and the Regimental Family for their ongoing support.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy holiday season,

Captain Steven Morgan  
Commanding Officer  
709 Toronto Signals Cadet Corps

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## Cadet Training Camp, Blackdown, CFB Borden

by HLCol Ken Lloyd, CD MA | Reviewing Officer



What a wonderful day! I was invited to be the Reviewing Officer for the Commanding Officer's Parade of the Cadet Training Camp (CTC) in Blackdown Camp, CFB Borden, July 16, 2016.

Cadets have always been part of a shared vision and as an old CO, usually in my periphery. The Camp had been running for a meagre one week when LCol Jack Kelly invited me to be part of their Parade as the

Reviewing Officer. The intent was to present the first RCCS Award for esprit de corps and leadership to the Staff Cadet of that year. This year it was awarded to Cadet/Sgt John Spiteri.



I arrived at their main gate in our Vintage Line Truck driven by Frank Von Rosenstiel who has lovingly recreated it. There was an honour guard directed by Cadet RSM Lee and WO Shannon Campion, from 1626 RCCS Cadet Corps in Grimsby. Exceptional drill and smart turnout, then on to the main camp Office. Wonderful hospitality and thorough briefing in time to see 1,843 Cadets march on to the Parade square.

The last time I ever saw more than a thousand Canadian uniforms on one parade square was in CFB Petawawa and it was a very special occasion. On that that parade, there was no advance in review order and no march past by Platoon in Line. I was told that this march past took 23 minutes. I really do not remember as with salute in place, and LCol Kelly giving the intricate details of each member as they marched past, time went by so quickly.

A wonderful experience and promises for greater cooperation with 32 Signal Regiment and the Vintage Signals Team, the future looks hopeful and promising for "Canada's Finest".



Ken

Ken Lloyd CD, MA  
HLCol  
32 Signal Regiment

## Remember When?

**MCpl Guy, MCpl Rhine &  
Cpl De Freitas — circa 2000**



## Guess Who?

**Alex Moseanu — 2016  
(in his retirement outfit)**



# Associations

## Jimmy and Associates

### Jimmy and Associates Barbeque 2016

Again the annual BBQ was held at Lou Lombardi's Farm, north of Oshawa, on July 16, 2016. We couldn't have asked for a better day. Great weather!

In previous years we had the use of the tentage from the Regiment. Due to logistical problems the Regiment didn't have the marques available for our use. Fortunately, Lou's influence with the Masonic Lodge, which he is a member, had available the tentage, chairs and tables to loan us. The Association made a donation to the Lodge for the use of.



As evident from the pictures, all who attended thoroughly enjoyed the event and the company of members new and old.

The membership was very grateful to Lou for the use of his beautiful property. We are looking forward to another wonderful time in the summer of 2017.

### The Executive



# Toronto Signals Band

by Eleonore Edwards | Public Relations, Toronto Signals Band

The band had a restful summer season with only 2 parades, a wedding and the Signals Band 90th Anniversary Weekend.

Each year the Toronto Signals Band participates in the Canada Day Parade in Port Credit but this year after the Parade we did something very special. One of our bandsman, Patrick was getting married to Brittney that same day. The band had the honour and privilege to play a few tunes at the wedding.

On a hot, humid day in August, the band participated in The Warriors Day Parade. As soon as The Toronto Signals Band entered the Princess Gates the crowd started cheering! The Band received two awards. The John Labatt Trophy for Colour Guard/Colour Party, first place and The Elwood Hughes Trophy (brass, trumpet and bugle band) second place.

This year marks the 90th Anniversary for the Toronto Signals Band. What a better way than to celebrate not just one day but for the whole weekend. It was a very successful event that even the Brampton Firefighters were called in as The Toronto Signals Band and guests were just too hot to handle.

Fall and winter session coming up....Remembrance Day Parade first then Christmas Parades.

Some of the members of the Toronto Signals Band are getting a little more mature in age and we need new members. Whether you can play an instrument or not you are more than welcome to join this amazing band. We are always looking for new members so help spread the word. The Toronto Signals Band meets on Monday night at Fort York Armouries from 1930 to 2230.





## 2016 Warriors' Day Parade Winners

The Canadian National Exhibition Warrior's Day Parade held annually proved again a very successful event for the Band. It never fails that every year the Toronto Signals Band takes away a few awards offered by the Warrior's Day Parade Council.

This year the Band's Colour Party took first prize in the category of the Best Colour Guard/Colour Party, the John Labatt Trophy. The Band was awarded the Elwood Hughes Trophy for coming



second in the category of Canadian Brass, Trumpet or Budge Band. Representatives of both categories were present at the Warrior's Day Awards Dinner to receive the trophies.

Congratulations to both recipients in their categories.

# Associations

## Hamilton Signals Association

### MOONLIGHT SONATA ON HAMILTON BAY

by HLCol Ken Lloyd, CD MA

"Can you see it?"

"Oh Yes you should just see it! Its brilliant!"

Alongside HMCS HAIDA and on the quay facing a ship that has received Morse Code Signals by light during War and even possibly by Heliograph, looked down again on Navy and Army uniformed figures sending messages by Moonlight.

The Vintage Signals Team drawn from the members of the Hamilton Signals Association and the Friends of HMCS HAIDA used a waning full moon on Thursday 15th September to send messages at night by polished mirror using moon light and light reflected off the wave tops of Hamilton Harbour.



Rick Little and Ken Lloyd send a message by moonlight



"Lets see if we can bounce off the wave tops." Mike Triska and Matt Campbell with Ken Lloyd

Rick Little in WW1 uniform brought the Vintage Signals Team of Kirk and Matt Campbell; Terri and Don McGillvray and Mike Triska down to HMCS HAIDA and managed to bring the Quay alive with the flash of reflected moonlight from the Heliograph. Naturally a Naval presence from the Friends of HMCS HAIDA and HMCS STAR added an appropriate naval theme.

Although, the Signals handbook expects a Signaller to send Heliograph messages by night, the last recorded time I can find when this happened was between the First and Second World Wars when the British Soccer results were sent to the Units in the Middle East.

pollution from the halogen harbour lights to further limit the strength of signal. However, the results have given us confidence that a signal by reflected moonlight across the Bay from the lift bridge to HMCS HAIDA is both workable and practical. This is a highly successful trial and an achievement that proves again the amazing versatility of the awesome Heliograph.

The two Signals we sent were "V V V "and the final signal "B Z".

Ken Lloyd

On behalf of  
Hamilton Signals Association  
And the Friends of HMCS HAIDA  
As the Vintage Signals Team



Naval Heliograph (1902)

# Associations

## Vintage Signals Team

### RCCS Living History

by HLCol Ken Lloyd, CD MA

The Toronto Garrison Officers' Ball is proud of our nation's military history. A key component of this history is the ability to communicate "orders" in a strategic and timely fashion – enter the Signaller! Since 1907, today's 32 Signal Regiment, which perpetuates the 2nd Signalling Company, 2nd Signal Regiment, 8th Signal Regiment, Toronto Signals Regiment, 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment and 700 Communication Squadron, is pleased to provide guests of the Ball an opportunity to witness firsthand the "Signaller from yesterday to today" in the great hall of the Allstream Centre. Below is a message from The 'Vintage' Signals Team, who will bring you back 100 years to the battlefields of World War I.

#### About The 'Vintage' Signals Team

The bright flash of a Signals Mirror across the pock-marked mud of a Flanders Field; a warship's brightly coloured Signal Flags, whipping on the mast, as it crashes through the frozen icy sleet of an Atlantic storm – both of these statements evoke a vision of "how it was done". These and many other stories are brought to life and preserved in our memories by the volunteer members of The Vintage Signals Team.

Experience how Canada's Navy and Army relayed messages long before the advent of computers and satellites. Come and discover how to send a message over 70 miles without using electricity. Try our 'Morse Code Challenge', or learn how to use a Heliograph "in the trenches". Experience using Magneto Phones, or learn how to work a Field Switchboard, send a message by Naval Semaphore or a Signal Light. Our uniformed volunteers are always ready to help you discover what it's like to be a "Signaller" from the past.



At The Vintage Signals Team, we find and share stories about Canada's Signallers, of coded messages during the 'Siege of Ladysmith'; of the brave Signals Linemen at Hill 60 on Vimy Ridge; the amazing story of the 'Enigma' Machine and the great D-Day deception plan. We work closely with Veterans, and their families, to collect and research the Veterans' memories and record interviews. We commemorate and share such stories of Dispatch Riders during the CAEN and the SHELDT campaigns; or, the WREN who was "a secret listener", engaged in fighting the war against the U boats in the Battle of the Atlantic by listening and communicating the "signals" from the sea.

We honour and share their stories. Alas, as our Veterans age they are passing away. Before history is lost for all time, we continue to perform interview and research the stories. To keep up with the pace, we could always use more volunteer interviewers and researchers ... would you like to help?



The Vintage Signals Team visits schools and attends community events to share the proud legacy of Canada's military Communicators. We work with schools, event co-ordinators, or groups that we visit, to provide a 'hands on' learning experience, for participants who gain a familiarity of our vintage Signals equipment, providing a historical overview through the retelling of factual stories and personal interaction to make the whole experience truly come alive.

To find out more, please visit us at:  
<http://www.hamiltonsignals.com/> or <http://www.hmcshaida.com/>

The Hamilton Signals Association also lends supports our Veterans, serving Reservists, and their families, by providing a support system where "official" help may be unable to reach. Whether it is helping Veterans and their families handle life changes; or, to be recognized and receive honours such as the French Legion of Honour; or, to provide professional advice for serving Reservists to make informed choices, find employment, or providing a final military presence to honour a Veteran's funeral, our volunteers work to fill the gap. And, we continue to provide assistance until the member, or the family, says that our assistance is no longer required. This service is private and confidential.

For further information please visit us at:  
<http://www.hamiltonsignals.com/>

The Vintage Signals Team is proudly presented by The Hamilton Signals Association and the Friends of HMCS HAIDA, both Canadian registered charities. Our membership is composed of unpaid volunteers who wish to serve those who have served Canada. Donations are graciously accepted to support our programmes and are solely used to maintain our equipment and provide support services.

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## 32 Signals: A Regimental Family

*by Brooke Belliveau, Citoyen Borden Citizen*

If you spend any amount of time around the members of 32 Signal Regiment, two things will be come very apparent. First of all they are a family, and secondly, they are very proud of their history.

The unit is comprised mostly of Reserve members of the Canadian Armed Forces, meeting predominantly on evenings and weekends, thus they tend to fly under the radar.

"We are one of the oldest units here at Borden- people don't realize that," says the unit's Commanding Officer, LCol Daniel Bergeron.

32 Signal Regiment is the communication unit of 32 Canadian Brigade Group, which is based in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). 1 Squadron is located here at CFB Borden, with 2 Squadron and Headquarters operating out of Fort York Armoury in downtown Toronto. The Regiment's inception dates back to 1907 in the GTA, but they have been at Borden since 1964.

The role of the signallers is to set up and operate command control facilities. They set up radio, computer, satellite and cable networks, which are used to communicate. They also provide the tents and furniture, power, heat and lighting, allowing exercises and operations to be successful.

Their skills have been used in domestic situations such as devastating storms, and members have also served our country overseas on international operations.

Earlier this year in August, the unit could be found in Borden's training area, setting up and learning their craft.



A soldier on the Development Period 1 (DP1) training works to set up a large antenna. The antenna is an integral piece of equipment, allowing a signal detachment to operate in the field. This is a tricky task, as the antenna reaches high into the trees, and must be properly balanced, levelled and secured.

"This is a model of exercise that's happened on an annual basis over a period of more than 100 years. It's an August Summer Militia Training Exercise. In this case, we have an annual requirement to conduct DP1 training, which is development period 1, and is the first course once signallers have done their basic soldier training period. It teaches them running radio nets, telephone, satellite, high frequency radio, and computer networks deployed in the field. So a variety of communications, telecom and IT disciplines. So after learning how to be soldiers, our signallers need to learn how to be communicators through trade training," explained Captain Stew Briggs. It is his tenth summer participating in this particular exercise. "It's really just a professional exercise for people who enjoy being in the profession of arms. We chose to do different things in our full-time civilian lives, but for a number of weekends a year, and a period in the summer, we like to get out in the field and practice our tradecraft as soldiers and signallers."

This year, DP2 training, learning to command a signalling detachment, was happening at the same time, bringing a range of different people into the field to work together.

As the soldiers take a break from the training and gather in the mess tent, that's where you see the family element. Deputy Commanding Officer, Major Alfred Lai and Padre, Captain Audrey Brown discuss how an absent member is doing, as she has recently become a mother. They look at photos of her, laughing and reminiscing on past times together. The unit also has a newsletter, the eCommunicator, which is released a few times annually and has special sections for births, marriages, and saying goodbye to friends who have passed away.

As lunchtime rolls around, others filter in, greeting each other and sitting down for lunch together.

This is a unit is passionate about their past, present and future, and they want to share that with others.

"[This unit] offers an opportunity for people who have civilian jobs that sometimes feel mundane, not much change and not much challenge, and they come out here to a different level of stress. They do something that's fun in most cases. In general it's different, and it's a career that offers advancement, leadership and transferable skills back to the civilian world," says LCol Bergeron, also adding that technology and communications become a greater part of our life at a constant rate.

This is a unit that evolves with the times, has been, and will continue to be an exciting and relevant option for people in years to come. They are here at Borden and would be happy to welcome you into their family with open arms.

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## Communications and Electronics Heritage Awards

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October 2016





The first Award is from the Branch Commander, General Loos, and was presented to the Hamilton Signals Association and also to the Toronto Signals Band.

The Heritage Awards were presented to HLCol Lloyd and to the Vintage Signals Team. General Richard made especial mention of the Friends of HMCS HAIDA.



## Last Post

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### May McPhatter

May McPhatter died June 28, 2015. May was the wife of the predeceased Lt Ken McFatter. She was also a long time member of Jimmy & Associates.

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### Eugene Seymour

It is with sadness that we report of passing of Alumni Member Eugene (Gene) Seymour on May 29th, 2016.

Gene was a talented and innovative snare drummer who played with Sigs in the early 1950's. He was a great believer in studying Drum Books and a great student of the Rudimental Art Form.

He eventually left Sigs to teach the Preston Scout House Band and the Guelph Royalaires.

Gene is survived by his wife Jenny Belyea.

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### JADWIGA (HEDY) JANKE

June 29, 1930 - June 2, 2016

Peacefully, at the Dorothy Ley Hospice on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at the age of 85. Beloved wife of the late Leonard for 59 years. Loving mother of Krystyna Howard (John), Leonard (Heather) and Jennifer Janke-Wasiuk (Andy). Cherished Babcia of Matthew, Kristofer, Lauren, Victoria, Alexandra and Andrew.

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### Major JOHN (JANEZ) VINTAR, CD

February 20, 1929 - August 1, 2016

John Vintar was reunited with Jesus, his mother Angela and his father Gregor, August 1, 2016, at the age of 87. Beloved husband of Therese for 62 years, loving father of Gregory, Alan (Jacquelyn Waller) and John (Jacqueline Smith) and treasured grandfather to Alan and Jacquelyn's children Tessa, Graydon and Luka. John came to Canada at age 5 from Vintarji, near Velike Lasce, Slovenia. He grew up in Timmins, trapping, fishing and hunting. He earned his teaching certificate from North Bay Normal School and went to University of Western Ontario for his BA. He met the love of

his life, Therese Charette, in Timmins. When John was invited to be geography master at Toronto Teachers College, they moved to Leaside and John went on to receive his B.Ed, M.Ed and Ed.D at the University of Toronto. Dr. Vintar taught from elementary to graduate school; his administrative positions included Director of Education for Huron-Perth while living in Stratford and Superintendent of Personnel at Dufferin-Peel while living in Mississauga. He was appointed to the Senate of York University, served on the Education Faculty Council at both York and University of Toronto and received many honours. He served with The Algonquin Regiment and The Royal Regiment of Canada, retiring with the rank of Major. He was awarded the Canadian Decoration for service. John paid homage to his homeland when he researched and wrote the book From Lipa to Maple, on Slovenian emigration during 1920-1940. After his retirement, John and Terri became very active grandparents to Tessa, Graydon and Luka. A kinder, gentler, more honourable and loving man has never walked this earth.

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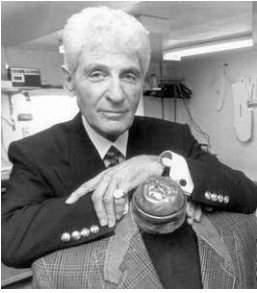
### JACK MCGILL



With much sadness we announce the passing of Jack McGill on Monday, August 15, 2016, after 91 years of a life well-lived. Devoted partner to Marjorie Badgerow and proud father of Barbara Veitch, Gary (Judy), Michael (Lorraine) and Peggy Carroll (Larry). Predeceased by his wife Alma

(Fawcett) and son-in-law Lloyd Veitch and leaving a wonderful legacy of twelve grandchildren (whom he teased unmercifully), Carrie (Todd), Shawn (Katrina) and Jamie (Candice); Meghan and Maureen (Ryan); Steve (Julia), Sandra (Stephen), Laura (Al) and April; Jennifer (Bill), Shannon (Kevin) and Melissa (Dan) and eighteen beautiful great-grandchildren, Austin, Tanner, Madalaina, Evan, Abigail, Colby, Mary and Penny; Clara; Madelyn, Autumn, Riley, Alan, Paige and Ayleen; Ella, Josephine and Charlotte. Jack will also be missed by the Badgerow family and his friends on Otter Line in Lindsay. "G We wish to express our appreciation to the caring team of practitioners at Ross Memorial Hospital Palliative Care Unit in Lindsay, Ontario.

## Bandman Cy Mann



It is with sadness that we report the passing of Alumni Member Cy Mann on August 25th, 2016. Cy was a member of the band in the late 40's and in the 1950's. He played Tenor Drum and was an enthusiastic and dedicated member of the

Toronto Signals Band. He designed the crest worn by the members of the Band.

In his private life, he was a tailor and owned and operated the House of Mann. He made suits and shirts and some of his clients were famous, such as Bill Cosby.

He was predeceased by his wife Reta and is survived by his daughters Freda and Pamela and her husband Ronn Cuddelmann of Florida and many nieces and nephews.

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## Donald Harrison McKINLAY

1923 - 2016



A true gentleman throughout his life and at its end, Don passed away on October 2, 2016 at Sunnybrook Hospital. He was comforted in final days by his loving daughters Sheila and Jane and will be deeply missed by both.

Don exemplified the best qualities of his generation: a strong and steadfast sense of responsibility, a quiet pride in his family, his country and his service on its behalf in WWII, all of which he combined with a sense of humour and a great sense of style.

Don was born in Toronto and grew up through the Depression years on Bedford Park Ave. with siblings Mary and John. Don joined the Canadian Army Signals Corps at the age of 19 and fought in Italy, France and the Netherlands. Returning to Toronto, he met and married Doreen (Hoath) to whom he was a devoted husband for 59 years until her death in 2009. Don made his career in transportation, primarily in the brewery industry and rose to National Transport Manager for Carling/O'Keefe Breweries.

In recent years, Don was a resident of Sunnybrook Veterans' Centre and the family thanks the staff there for making it a warm and caring home for him.

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## Marie Lina LeClair

February 9, 1935 - November 2, 2016



Lina passed away peacefully at her home in Newmarket, Ontario surrounded by the love of her family.

She was a beloved mother, grandmother and will be fondly remembered by all lives she touched.

Mrs. LeClair was the mother of Sgt. Donna Witecki, a member of the Flag Party.

A Private Family Service has been held. Cremation.

Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be much appreciated by the family.

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## Elizabeth Susan Weston

Major (Ret'd) Elizabeth Weston, CD peacefully passed away November 12, 2016 at Sunnybrook Health Centre. Major Weston was a member of 709 and sister to Heather Janke.

Major Weston spent over 27 years in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve.

A ceremony to celebrate Susan's life are being planned and details will be forwarded when known.

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## Bandsman Michael Wobowsk



It is with a heavy heart that I am emailing to inform you that Michael Wobowsk of the Toronto Signals Band passed away early this morning November 19, 2016 at the Dorothy Ley Hospice. After many years of fighting this horrible disease, he is finally at rest and in peace.

## Events and Notices

### Birth Announcement

by Capt Marwan Deeb, CD



A little late in writing this email, but it was waiting to be accompanied by some pictures that "mom" is ok to share.

Isabella Deeb was born Oct 12th , 2016 at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, at a healthy 3.1kg.

Both Mom and baby are healthy. Big brother Joseph is very excited and loves his baby sister already.

Isabella is proving to be as bad a sleeper as her brother. Neither Mom nor Dad has had more than 2 hours continuous sleep since a month.

Reminds me of the field training at BMOQ and PLQ.

by Suganya Lee



Owen means little warrior - which he has been every minute of every day  
Declan means man of prayer as well as full of goodness - In Thai "Su" means good so, after both Suganya & Suwanna (Suganya's mother), Declan seemed fitting and then the three family names.

As for photos, we have many more but here are some to get you started. If you want to keep track of his progress please let us know (including preferred email address) and we'll try to send through a more regular update. Also if you're aware others have been asking & have not been included on the mass email, please feel free to forward this email to them - then they can let us know if they want to be included on the more regular updates.

Thank you for your thoughts, love and prayers.

With Love,

Owen, Suganya (Lee) and Geoff Taylor

Grandpa's Quotable:

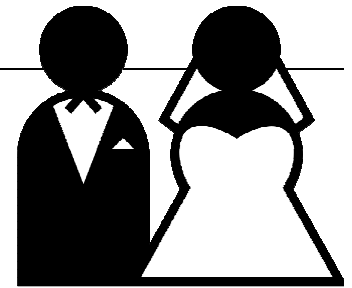
*The more time you invest with your grandchildren when they are young, the more time they will likely spend with you when you are old.*

Owen Declan Lee Mynott Taylor  
Born May 27, 2016

## Wedding Announcements

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by Mr. Ken Richards



### Message from the Father of the Bride and Groom

As the proud father of the groom and now the proud father-in-law of a beautiful new daughter-in-law, I would like to thank all members of the Sigs Band for your support and best wishes for Patrick and Brittney on their wedding day.

Thank you to those members who joined and honoured us by playing during both the ceremony and reception adding to the wonderful memories of the day.

Thank you also to the members of the band who were unable to attend but expressed their best wishes to both the Bride and Groom on this very special day. As I mentioned in my speech you are not just friends but are like a second family to Pat, Angus and I and now of course to Brittney as well.

Thank you very much.

Ken Richards

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## Calendar of Events

### **November 2016**

- 19 Toronto Sigs Band: Santa Clause Parade - Newmarket**
- 20 Toronto Sigs Band: Santa Clause Parade - Guelph**
- 26 Toronto Sigs Band: Santa Clause Parade - Port Hope**
- 27 Toronto Sigs Band: Santa Clause Parade - Weston**

### **December 2016**

- 3 Toronto Sigs Band: Santa Clause Parade - Stoney Creek**
- 10 32 Signal Regiment and Regimental Family Christmas Dinner**

### **January 2017**

- 1 32 Signal Regiment New Year Levee**

### **February 2017**

- 25 Toronto Garrison Officers Ball**

### **March to December 2017**

- Jimmy & Associates Annual General Meeting, tentative date April 23, 2017**
- Jimmy & Associates annual BBQ, TBA**
- Warriors Day Parade CNE August 19, 2017**



*32 Service Battalion presents the  
Toronto Garrison Officers' Ball 2017  
Saturday, February 25th, 2017  
Grand Ballroom, Sheridan Centre Toronto  
123 Queen Street West, Toronto*

As serving and former Officers of the Toronto Garrison you are invited to attend this grand military Ball which can be traced back to 1817 as the Officers of the then Garrison at York (Fort York) held an Officers' Ball to celebrate Queen Charlotte's Birthday. This year's Garrison Ball promises to be a wonderful evening filled with fine dining, dancing and fellowship with members from across the Toronto Garrison family.

Ticket subscription is \$125.00 per person, inclusive of applicable taxes. As this is a formal event the dress is Mess Kit, equivalent uniform or black tie, with ladies equivalent to gentlemen please.

To purchase your tickets please contact our Regt Rep, Maj Ric Rangel-Bron, at [rrangel@toronto.ca](mailto:rrangel@toronto.ca). Please state "TGOB17" in the email subject line. Additionally, you will need to provide the following information in your email to allow the processing of your request:

1. Your name (given, surname), rank.
2. Name of your guest(s) as applicable;
3. Total number of tickets desired; and,
4. Contact information:
  - i. Email,
  - ii. Telephone,
  - iii. Mailing address.

At this time, the event organizers have decided not to offer electronic ticketing. Ticket purchases are only by cheque, made payable to the **"32 Signal Regiment Officers Mess"**.

PLEASE NOTE:

There are two 'streams' to purchase tickets - Serving Officers and Retired Officers. For Serving Officers, please contact Maj Rangel-Bron by email for payment instructions. For Retired Officers, please send your cheque to:

Major Rangel-Bron  
32 Signal Regiment  
660 Fleet Street, Room 104  
Toronto, Ontario  
Canada, M5V 1A9

Tickets will be sent to once upon receipt of payment.