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Quebec Region AGM Report

Greetings Veterans, Widows, Members, families, guests and friends of Hong Kong.

It is very nice to again have the chance to greet and meet old friends and to make new ones.

Since our last national gathering of December 2016, many things have happened with some very joyful and others unfortunately very sad. Quebec region lost 3 veterans, 2 widows and 1 regular member. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

Les Voltigeurs de Québec have and continue their awareness, and support to honour our Hong Kong veterans with their presence at veterans' funerals, activities and last year with the special ceremonies in their honour marking the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Hong Kong. Their main event was to honour the soldiers of the Royal Rifles of Canada with their commitment to assure the Royal Rifles Veterans that their unit and the memory of their sacrifice will be protected and honoured as it is for Les Voltigeurs de Québec. The unveiling ceremony of the commemorative Royal Rifles of Canada Plaque, which was saved from the fire at the Armoury. This Plaque will be re-installed and re-dedicated in its permanent home in the RRC Hall of the Armoury in Quebec City next May 2018 during a special ceremony in the presence of our Royal Rifles Veterans, families and many special guests. Quebec Region will keep you informed as time approaches.

The administration of our region is going well thanks to our membership, donations and continued support of our members. We ask our members to encourage their family members of the younger generation to join and/or re-join our association and help us all to keep the memory alive. Thank you all. We are in a continuing process of reviewing and updating our membership lists with some missing information. People do make changes by moving, changing e-mail address in some cases etc., please don't forget to advise your membership chairperson of any and all changes. We need to stay in contact with everyone and return postage becomes expensive.

Financially, we are in good standing thanks again to our members. Our treasurer keeps very good tabs on all transactions.

We thank all our members for their continued confidence in the executive of our region. Our treasurer is Allan Marshall, secretary is Debbie Batley-Everett, who could not be here today due to previous commitments and yours truly Lucette Mailloux-Muir regional director.

We stay in contact with the Bay of Chaleur Museum of New Richmond and help them when possible for them to continue their good work. We refer to them family members who would like to find a good home for their artifacts.

We attend gatherings and ceremonies for November 11 to pay our respect to all veterans and thank them for their sacrifices and for some, the ultimate sacrifice. WE REMEMBER YOU.

We continue holding our executive meetings by tele-communication with the occasional in person meetings with the reading of all reports etc. Yours truly attends the monthly national Board meetings to exchange and discuss views etc. from all regions.

We continue with our quarterly newsletter "The Torch" with local news, information and notes, Last Post, wishes etc. with an occasional joke to brighten the day. We also have our report in the national Wasureru-Nai newsletter.

We have a new project with a more personal aspect towards our veterans and widows with a personal greeting card or letter on their Birthday and for the Christmas Season.

Earlier this May Tom Eden held a gathering in Cascapedia St-Jules legion with his presentation on the Hong Kong Veterans of the Gaspé coast and again earlier this month with a continued presentation. The guest of honour was Philip Doddridge. Thank you Tom in continuing to help keep the memory alive and better known.

Earlier this month Jason Kelly from the Order of St. George presented the Order Cross and Certificate to Hong Kong Veterans of the Gaspé coast and Maritimes as well as the Eastern Townships who had not previously received the honour in Ottawa. Congratulations to all veterans.

From the Quebec Region Book Corner, we have copies of The Royal Rifles of Canada in Hong Kong book by Grant Garneau for sale. At this time, it would be a great gift for yourself, a family member and/or a member of the younger generation. With Christmas just around the corner it would be a good way to learn more about the history of our Hong Kong Veterans, Dad, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather and the sacrifices they made for a better world we enjoy today.

New projects are on the drafting table and will keep you posted as soon as confirmed.

We thank all members for their time in sending their vote for the National Executive.

Congratulations to all for your new positions and Thank You to the outgoing members for your hard and dedicated work during this last term.

Thank you all, take care and safe travels home. Till we meet again.

Respectively submitted by
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