

**Annual General Meeting
December 8, 2018
Ottawa, ON**

Quebec Region AGM Report

Greetings to all Veterans, Members and Friends of Hong Kong.

Since our last National Convention of August 16-20, 2017 many joyful events happened and also some not so joyful. We lost three (3) RRC Vets: Charles Dallain, Allison Pollock and Edward Campbelton. We also lost Pearl Leblanc widow of Leopold Leblanc. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

Presently we have 2 Veterans, 28 Widows and 60 Regular Members.

Monthly, I attend the national board meetings and quarterly keep our members informed on news and events coming. We held our annual executive meeting with the reading of the Year End Financial Statements and Reports. Financially we are holding our own thanks to our membership and generous donations from our members. We also encourage our members to register for our online services of their newsletters and notices. On the occasion of the birthday of members we send them a personal letter with good wishes and for the Christmas season we send a personal card to all our Veterans and Widows.

Last May, Les Voltigeurs de Québec invited Veterans, family members and friends of Hong Kong to their Annual Change of the Guard Ceremony with a special event this year with the Celebration of the Return to the Manège Militaire Voltigeurs de Québec Armoury. National President Mike Babin, Quebec Region Director Lucette Mailloux Muir, B.C. Regional Director Gerry Tuppert, Major Ret'd John Russell son and nephew of HK Vets and their guests represented our Veterans. As we walked down the beautifully restored drill-hall you can see the RRC Banner proudly hanging from the rafters and the RRC Plaque shining on the brick wall. RRC Veterans you are back home and Les Voltigeurs are seeing that the Battle of Hong Kong will not be forgotten. It was a very memorable occasion.

Gerry Tuppert also, later that week, presented a Plaque explaining the Battle of Hong Kong to the St.Patrick School in Quebec City on the occasion of their 175th anniversary of founding. Many Royal Rifles originated from the immediate Quebec City region and many attended school there. Thanks. Gerry.

The Order of St.George held their presentations post-mortem to families of HK Veterans Paul Dallain and Eric Batley, who had not previously received their award.

August 2018 marked the 20th Anniversary of the formation of the HKVCA, Quebec Region. In 1998, a small group of family members were approached to form a committee to represent Quebec. At the By-Annual Reunion of the Veterans of the Quebec-Maritimes

Branch of the HKVA, the HKVCA Quebec Region was born and accepted by all our Veterans and Members. We worked closely with our veterans, helping them in any way possible. Then the time came for the Official transfers during the Winnipeg Convention. The HKVCA Quebec Region sincerely thanks all our HK Veterans for their confidence in the younger generation, their support, their experience and knowledge. We will continue to be there for the HK Family, to educate and keep the memory alive. Thank You.

During the summer, with the help of HKVCA family members, we walked many of our local cemeteries to gather as much information possible on our local deceased veterans. Weather permitting we will continue in other areas. Thank you all for your help.

Late September the Bury, QC Royal Canadian Legion hosted a Dedication Ceremony honouring local HK Vets in the company of many local supporters, HK family members, veterans, legion members and friends. After the usual presentations and opening ceremony Lucette gave a brief history of the Battle of Hong Kong. The unveiling of the Plaque was done by husband and wife HKVCA and Legion members Larry Everett and Debbie Batley Everett both of whose fathers fought in the Battle of Hong Kong. Their daughter Jessica read a brief excerpt about the role of Canadians in the battle and then the names of the 31 local members of the RRC in HK. Legion President closed by saying "We do this because they deserve it. Today is for them. We thank them for their sacrifice".

Many of our members were present and/or working for the Remembrance Ceremonies which took place in their respective region. I also was helping locally with the Poppy Campaign, Armistice Banquet and Remembrance Ceremony. We Will Remember Them!

On December 8, I will also be laying a wreath at the HKVCA Memorial Wall in Ottawa, in memory of all our RRC Veterans.

We still have plans for more Plaque Dedication Ceremonies and possibly more events for 2019.

We thank members for taking the time in sending their votes.

Congratulations to all for your positions and maybe new positions also 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. Till we meet again.

Respectively submitted by
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