

Annual General Meeting, Ottawa, ON December 10, 2016

Quebec Region Report

Greetings everyone,

Many activities took place since our last National Convention in Ottawa last August 2015.

In November we presented the Chinese Medal and Certificate to surviving Royal Rifles of Canada Veterans for Quebec and Atlantic Regions.

- In New Richmond, QC, the medal and certificate were presented to Allison Pollock, William 'Bill' MacWhirter, Philip Doddridge and Paul Dallain.
- In the Eastern Townships, presented to Edward 'Ed' Campbelton and Eric Batley.
- At Ste-Anne's Veterans Hospital to Dempsey Syvret.
- At Maison Paul Triquet, Quebec City to Charles Dallain.
- Others were presented in person to Robert 'Bob' Barter, Eugene Lapointe and Hormidas Fredette at a later date.

We attended many gatherings during the Veteran's Week activities and the November 2015 laying of wreaths, Poppy Campaign etc.

Early in 2016 the executive members gathered for our year end reports. We did close the year in a fair financial situation and again with thanks to our members for renewing their membership dues and donations from our members.

We continue to stay at the same number of members: approx. 100. We lost some at one time and gained new ones at other times.

We learned that Les Voltigeurs de Québec were planning a special recognition for the Royal Rifles of Canada during their changing of Command Ceremonies in Quebec City in May 2016. The HKVCA QC Region was invited to participate in the planning concerning our Veterans. All Veterans and members were invited to assist in QC City. They also used this gathering and celebrations to present the RRC Plaque that was saved and refurbished by them during the fire at the drill hall "manège militaire de Québec". It was very nicely redone and all are looking forward to seeing it back in its proper place in the 'Drill Hall'.

All in all it was a very nice and emotional ceremony in Quebec City. Unfortunately, due to health reasons, a few veterans had to cancel their trip; the only HK Vet present was Philip Doddridge. As usual, he did very well and thanked Les Voltigeurs in his name and

of all his RRC Comrades. All this happened also in the presence of Sgt Gander, a beautiful stand in which played his role elegantly. Pictures of this ceremony were previously in the June newsletters.

Also while in Quebec City the 'Order of St-George' medal was presented to Charles Dallain as he was not able to attend in Ottawa last August. Other medals were also presented in person at a later date. Thank you to all of the Order of St-George for this award to our Vets.

We do continue informing all our members with news, happenings etc via our quarterly newsletter 'The Torch'. (if a bit late with our mailing – receive calls – I did not receive my newsletter etc etc.) We will continue to give them this bit of info, local news etc. to keep them informed and part of the Hong Kong Family. And all this also to help brighten their day a bit with a little humour mixed in.

We lost 2 HK Vets during the year; Eric Batley and Dempsey Syvret. We will remember them! Beautiful ceremonies were held in Bury and at the Field of Honour in Pointe Claire, QC in the presence of their family, comrades, friends, and of the HK Banner.

I attend the HKVCA monthly meetings and contribute to the national newsletter quarterly.

Last August, elections were held at the national level for the Directors. Following this election a National President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and Regional Directors were named.

Quebec Regional Director Lucette Mailloux-Muir, Treasurer Allan Marshall and Debbie Batley-Everett were elected and accepted to continue. Thank you all for your confidence in us.

Again this last November participated in many activities, as many of our Veterans and Members did locally, for the Remembrance Ceremonies and laying of wreaths.

I was recently very honoured to receive my 25 year pin from the Royal Canadian Legion for services rendered during these 25 years and plus. It was presented by our Branch President in the presence of our District Commander and many members. The work was and is done all these years, not for the pin, but for the satisfaction of having helped our veterans, widows and families when they needed it. I stay involved, when possible, with the RCL as they receive much new info concerning our vets, widows etc and it can be very helpful for us in the HKVCA.

In the next few days I will be mailing Christmas cards to all our Vets and Widows and starting in January will be mailing Birthday and Anniversary letters to members for their special day. (This was previously done with the quarterly newsletter, but the executive

thought it would be more appropriate to give these wishes just in time for that special day).

Months ago there was mention of again honouring the RRC vets and could possibly look forward, in the new year, to the official opening of the Manège Militaire de Québec and their mini RRC museum or display. Looking forward to more news on this and will keep you all informed.

Very early in the new year we will hold an executive meeting with reading of report and our 'year end' financial report.

At this date things look good financially. Members renewed their membership in good numbers (last call in the December newsletter to renew their 2016 membership if they forgot) and many have already prepaid for 2017. Payment to national for the 2017 members will be very early in January 2017.

I would also like to wish everyone here and your families a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Health for 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:
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Quebec Regional Director