



Regimental Council
The Queen's York Rangers
(1st American Regiment) (RCAC)

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TO: Members of the Regimental Family

SUBJECT: Quarterly Update

Friends and Fellow Rangers,

April is upon us but the snow is still blowing outside. Despite this there was precious little of the white stuff for the winter exercise in February. Crazy weather to say the least but we ranger on.

On March 30th Council held its Annual General Meeting to review the progress of the organization and to elect new Councillors and appoint them to committees. We would like to welcome several new members including our former Colonel of the Regiment, HCoIE David Onley, Lois Brown, Paul Jannison and Joseph Rauhala. Stewart Cober, a former CO and former Chair of Council is also rejoining us. This gives us 35 active Councillors doing work on behalf of the Regiment.

At the meeting Council also elected a new Chair of Council, Donald McKenzie, a former CO from 1992-95. After six years leading Council it was time for me to pass the baton and let others direct the organization.

The Finance committee reported that 2015 was another solid year for us. Donations were very good and despite not holding any fund raising events during the year we still managed to be solidly in the black. Part of that is attributable to the delay in the LAV monument which we had anticipated for 2015. Our investments continue to provide positive returns which are then reinvested for future support to the Regiment.

The LAV monument project, where a LAV hull is to be placed next to the Aurora cenotaph to commemorate the efforts of the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan, is proceeding well. We have been assured delivery of the monument by the summer and anticipate dedication at the Remembrance Day ceremonies in the fall.

The Outreach Committee is currently running a contest to choose slogans for t-shirts based on our history and culture. The most popular slogan will be printed on a t-shirt and will be available for purchase as part of a fund raiser. You can vote by checking out the qyrang.ca website under News and Events.

The Council run Kit Shop opened its doors, electronically, in early January. So far we have been doing lots of business and new products have been rolled out every few weeks. If you haven't checked it out go to the kit shop via our website to browse our catalog and place your order.

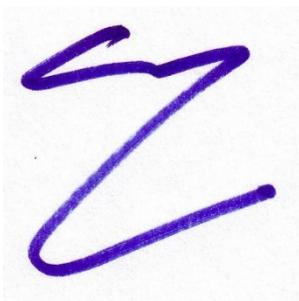
HColE Neville Poy gave an enlightening presentation to Council on the recent developments on re-creating the university officer training corps, now called CNLP or Canadian National Leadership Program. This is a critical project that will have far reaching effects. Col Poy has been one of the drivers for getting this relaunched. We congratulate him on his success.

On April 1st the Regiment was represented by HLCol Oliviero, several Councillors and several serving officers at the RMCI for the 44th Annual Cavalry Luncheon. Over 125 black hats were in attendance to mix and mingle and to hear from the Director of Armour (who was not very specific in making any promises – something of a tradition.)

On Sunday, April 24th we will be holding a Change of Command parade at 1100 in Newmarket in the presence of Her Honour, the Colonel of the Regiment. LCol Phil Halton is stepping down after slightly more than 4 years as CO. He is handing over command to Eric Thorson who has recently joined the Regiment from the Regular Force. The parade is being held outdoors as it will be a roll past. Hope to see you there. The kit shop will have a limited number of caps for sale and will also be selling QYRang travel mugs. The CO will be able to autograph the mugs for those who wish a commemorative item from the day.

As this will be my last report as Chair, let me extend my great thanks to the CO, the Honoraries and to all the members of Council who have been working so hard to do those things necessary to help the Regiment succeed. LCol McKenzie is getting a great team and I am confident that he will be able to take Council to the next level of success. I wish him all the best. I intend to remain on Council continuing to help my Regiment where and when I can.

Celer et Audax,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'K.W. Corkery', written on a light-colored background.

K.W. Corkery
Past Chair