



**The Royal Canadian Horse Artillery
Brigade Association
August 2021**

Dear Current & Former RCHA Members/Associates

Thank you to everyone who renewed your membership for the 2020-21 membership year. Your support helped the Association navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, despite the club being closed on several occasions due to COVID lockdowns. It would now seem that we are on the way to getting back to a somewhat normal life, and our talented musicians are eager to entertain you again.

Please take a moment to renew your membership today by returning your cheque and renewal form in the enclosed return addressed envelope. Alternately, you may submit your renewal at the Club, with cash, debit or credit card. If there is no change in your contact information, e-transfers may be made by contacting our treasurer, Michael Nimeh, at nimehm1@gmail.com

The Early Bird renewal fee of \$75 is available until Oct. 31, 2021; it will then revert to usual fee of \$100. We look forward to your renewed membership in the association, so that we can be a vibrant venue again.

Summary of this past year (September 2020 – August 2021)

- Despite the pandemic, we welcomed 5 new members. Thank you for your support.
- \$10 gift certificates were designed by Susan Warnica and are available to purchase at the bar.
- A COVID Safety Plan for opening during the Pandemic was prepared and revised as rules changed. Additional cleaning supplies, hand sanitizers and personal protective equipment (PPE) were purchased and signs were prepared and posted.
- Bar Stewards, Carol & Janice Hudson & Chris Sadler took on the additional responsibilities with gusto, to assure patrons were safe.
- The board members agreed to extend their term for an additional year.
- We welcomed 3 new Honorary Associates: Marijo Cuerrier, Managing Director, Downtown Kingston BIA, Dr. Kevin Brushett, RMC Head Dept. of History; and Commodore Josee Kurtz, RMC Commandant.
- We received some funding through the Government Covid relief programs, which have helped the club to pay the ongoing expenses without the revenue coming in from bar sales and new memberships.
- The email lists managed by Carol Whyman, were transferred to Mail Chimp with the help of Jolisa Masucol, to facilitate communication and avoid the many issues when sent from a personal email account.
- Due to the uncertainties of the pandemic and finances, projects, e.g. the 3rd floor renovations, were deferred.
- The 100th anniversary of the RCHA Memorial committee: Shig Saimoto, chair; Kevin Montroy, Gary Bennett & Gord Jenkins worked on plans to celebrate the event.
- Bob Chamberlain continued to plan with the regiment for the 150th Anniversary of A & B batteries of the RCHA, called Ubique 150. Unfortunately, the pandemic scuttled plans for a Freedom of the City event in August, and the rededication of the memorial was delayed.
- A wonderful virtual Remembrance Day ceremony was organized by Bob Chamberlain and is available to view on our website.
- Bob Chamberlain was nominated for the Kingston Honorable Achievement award which was won by William Arnaud, Lionhearts.
- We really appreciate the entertainment provided by our talented & dedicated musicians: solos & duos!
- We are participating in the "Love Kingston" campaign by displaying Neon Hears in our windows.
- Susie Edgecombe continued to collate a members' newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who contributed financially, and/or volunteered and participated in our evenings. Your support is greatly appreciated and essential to the sustainability and future of the Association.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions; and if you are able to volunteer.

Yours sincerely,

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