



**The Royal Canadian Horse Artillery  
Brigade Association  
August 2022**

**Dear Current & Former RCHA Members/Associates**

Thank you to everyone who renewed your membership for the 2021-22 membership year, despite the challenges of the pandemic. Your support was essential in helping the Association to survive. Membership also provided members with many benefits

Please take a moment to renew your membership today for the 2022-23 membership year 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.

The Early Bird renewal fee of \$75 is available until Oct. 31, 2022; it will then revert to usual fee of \$100.

We look forward to your renewed membership in the RCHA, so that we can continue to be a vibrant venue.

**Summary of this past year (September 2021 – August 2022)**

- Despite the uncertainty of the pandemic, we welcomed 12 new members. Thank you for your support.
- The COVID Safety Plan was revised as rules changed and just when we thought we saw the light, Omicron hit and we were closing down again, cancelling special celebrations.
- Bar Stewards, Carol & Janice Hudson & Chris Sadler handled the ups and downs with good spirits, and continued to follow required precautions to keep our patrons and themselves safe.
- The 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in person in September (delayed from May), at which time the members elected Lana Cassidy to the Board, and re-elected Jim Davidson & Chris Whyman.
- In May 2022, we were able to hold our AGM in the usual month. Two candidates were elected to the Board by acclamation: Keith Orton and Mike Hamilton (re-elected) for 3 year terms.
- We welcomed 3 new Honorary Associates: B. Gen.(Ret'd) David Patterson, Col Commandant, The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery; Col. Sonny Hatton, Base Commander, Canadian Forces Base, Kingston; and Ted Hsu MPP for Kingston & the Islands.
- Thanks to some funding through the federal & provincial governments, ongoing memberships and financial contributions, we were nearly able to cover our ongoing expenses and survived without affecting planned project funds
- To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the RCHA Memorial the committee of Shig Saimoto, chair; Kevin Montroy, Gary Bennett & Gord Jenkins decided on a commemorative plaque which is now proudly displayed on the wall by the front door and on our website.
- Bob Chamberlain continued to plan for the 150th Anniversary of A & B batteries of the RCHA. After 3 cancellations, they were finally able to have the ceremony in October 2021 at a COVID restricted ceremony of 25 people at the Memorial in City Park when they dedicated 2 new plaques honoring those who died in Korea and Afghanistan.
- A return to City Park was allowed for Remembrance Day Ceremony, again organized by Bob Chamberlain his 21<sup>st</sup> year.
- Ontario Volunteer Service Awards: Each organization may nominate 6 volunteers each year. After consideration of our many dedicated volunteers, the following were nominated for 2021, Linda Cameron, Bob Chamberlain, Jim Davidson, Ken Edgecombe, Michael Nimeh & Frank Warnica. In person recognition was not arranged by the province due to pandemic restrictions.
- Jim Davidson addressed the many housing & maintenance issues, especially while the club was required to be closed, including a clear out of the attic with the help of soldiers from CFB Kingston.

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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