



The Royal Canadian Dragoons Association

ATLANTIC CHAPTER

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Oromocto, NB.

2016 Year End Report of the Atlantic Chapter's Activities.

Dear Colleagues.

My first thought when I took over from Tom Urbanowsky was “Do I ever have big shoes to fill”. Well here I am writing this newsletter and I feel quite comfortable doing it. Thank you Tom for the guidance and assistance and making the change around so painless. The newsletter is well overdue but I think that enough events have come to pass this past year that I can fill a few pages with news of our chapter.

Sadly this year we had to cancel our yearly BBQ/Dance due to a lack of numbers. Insofar as to Chapter business, 2016 was a very successful year. With the help of Lance Wiebe (Treasurer) and John Bouwmeister (Secretary) they have done an absolutely outstanding job for the Association. Lance has done exceptional work to bring the Chapter nominal role up-to-date vis-à-vis phone numbers, e-mail and Postal addresses.

As for our normal functions, the following are routinely scheduled:

- **BLACK HAT LUNCHEONS**: The last Thursday of each month at 1300 hrs held at Mingler's Pub, Oromocto. When available, members of the Regiment posted to The Armour School and C Sqn RCD also attend which is truly appreciated by all of the Old Guard.
- **Leeuwarden Luncheon**: 15 April, yearly held at Minglers Pub, 1300 hrs.
- **Atlantic Chapter BBQ/Dance**: Date TBC, held at CFB Gagetown, WO/SGT'S MESS A-4, Further information to follow as to cost, accommodation etc.

- **Leliefontein Luncheon:** This year on the 4th of November at 1300 hrs at K38. Hosted by members of the Armd School and C Sqn RCD. Hope to see you there. MWO Dave MacLaren has promised something to eat as well!
- **Regimental Birthday Luncheon:** Held yearly on 21st of December at 1300 hrs at Minglers Pub. Lance could be persuaded to buy beverages! See you there.
- **The Bennett Memorial Golf Tournament (New event):** Will be held in August of 2017. MTF on the exact details of this great new event.

The success of the above-mentioned events could never be achieved without the assistance of those in the “background” that have continually supported the Chapter either by donations or providing “labour”. It’s obvious that without the additional donations of monetary support provided by some of our membership; the Chapter would be hard-pressed to pay the extra cost which is always associated with these social activities.

The on-going struggle with keeping our nominal role up-to-date and the collection of dues is a challenge. The former affects our passage of information, and the latter has a consequence on our finances. This, I am sure is a problem throughout the Associations!

There is always sad news yearly in this chapter and this year was no exception as Paul Bennett, Eric Albright, Joe Gurney and Bill Mulholland passed away. They will all be greatly missed and our deepest sympathy was sent to their Families. May they rest in peace. They will always be remembered.

There were numerous short stays in hospital by some of our members, however they have all recovered nicely and now are fully mobile. With the exception of Dwayne “Groovy” Kean who has been in the hospital since June of this year, battling diabetes. I have visited him several times since I found out and every time he was in good spirits considering what he has been through. If you want to visit or call him here is his number: 450-7570, room 4327, floor 4SE at the Chalmers Hospital in Fredericton.

Well that’s it for this News Letter. If there are any Old (or New) “Black Hatter” veterans around Oromocto during the above-mentioned dates/locations, please invite them to join us!

Respectfully Yours,

Matt Robichaud

Chairman RCD Association – Atlantic Chapter.



Tom Urbanowsky, Wayne Cleveland and MWO Troy Cleveland.



A new member to the Association, Tpr Gator. Riding with Monty MacMillan.



Lance Wiebe (Treasurer), Tom Skelding (still looking for that elusive loaf of bread) WO Mark McMillan, WO Jamie Peori, MWO Dave McLaren.

Your **DUE's** for the **YEAR 2017** are now due to the National Association. I would like to remind you that I will be submitting this Chapters at the end of this month. **IF**, by chance you are not able to meet this date, please let me know. On the other hand, **IF** you choose **NOT** to participate in The RCD Association, I would appreciate if you would be so kind and let me know, and I will no longer bother you.

Respectfully yours,

Lance Wiebe, Treasurer.

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