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Colonel of The Regiment Update - Spring 2024

Dear Dragoons,

I hope all are well with you and your families, and I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on a number of Regimental, Guild, and Association activities. We have an active three months coming up and in fact a busy next year. I continue to enjoy many occasions to join the Regiment both in the field and in garrison and to visit many of our Dragoons across the country.



The Regiment

The Regiment continues to operate at a high tempo with a good portion of the Regiment overseas. A Squadron is in Poland and C Squadron is in Latvia with Op REASSURANCE. We also have a Recce Troop in Latvia with the 2RCR Battle Group. C Squadron has rejuvenated the Canadian Army Trophy and they have at least eight other nations engaged in the competition that will take place in early May in Latvia. The Regiment continues to excel despite budget and vehicle challenges. At home, The Regiment will be celebrating Leeuwarden on 15 April in Petawawa. LCol Nick Forsyth will handover command of the Regiment to Chloe Summerfield at the Change of Command on 26 June. I will handover Colonel of the Regiment to Steve Cadden on the same parade

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The Guild

The Guild continues to support the Regimental Family and I have had an excellent team over the past three years. The Guild is in good shape financially and we continue to support our main lines of operation: Regimental Family Quality of Life, History and Heritage, and Communications/Awareness. Partnered with our Patron, Marjolaine Hudon, we continue to build our fundraising base, and this was well assisted by our successful event led by General Hillier at the War Museum in October. We are focusing on supporting the Regiment financially in a number of different ways (New canteen, Gym equipment support as well as morale and welfare activities). We have some turnover of Guild members with Bill Fulton retiring and Dyrald Cross coming in as our new Governance lead. Our Chief Financial Officer, Paul Riganelli, is passing the torch to Franca Atkins after an excellent three years expertly supporting our Guild finances. Marty Frank, Jim Follwell, Jim Atkins, Tom Skelding, our R2IC Major Marsha Reid and Andy Coxhead continue to serve on our Executive. I will handover President of the Guild to Steve Cadden at our meeting prior to the Change of Command on 25 June. Thanks to all of you for supporting our Guild which has grown into an extremely capable not-for-profit charitable organization supporting our entire Regimental Family.

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The Association

Our Dragoon Association has a significant 50th reunion in Kingston 14-16 June and we are hoping for a good turnout. Tom Skelding our President and our Kingston Chapter led by Denis Levesque are organizing the event. The Guild is supporting the event and the reunion will be an excellent opportunity to share time with your fellow Dragoons. We are looking forward to seeing you in Kingston.

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I have thoroughly enjoyed my three years as the Colonel of the Regiment and it has been an honour and a privilege to serve our fine Regiment. There are so many tremendous people in our Regiment and our soldiers continue to make us proud. We have a big year next year with our 125th anniversary of the Battle of Leliefontein and we will also celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Liberation of Leeuwarden.

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