



**THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA**



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**\* LAST POST \***



*Joe Cassells (centre) and his brothers William Henry Andrew Cassells and John Taylor Cassells representing their great uncle, Pte Henry “Harry” Andrew Taylor of our 43<sup>rd</sup> Bn Camerons of Canada at The Menin Gate 08 August 2018, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Amiens.*

**DENNIS LABOSSIÈRE (Cold War)** – On Saturday, 26 Jan 2019. Our former MCpl Sgt-Maj of “A” Coy. Details to follow. His son Jeremy is keeping us in the loop.

**DUNCAN MACDOUGALL (SWW)**

[https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-256056/MACDOUGALL\\_DUNCAN](https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-256056/MACDOUGALL_DUNCAN)

DUNCAN MACDOUGALL Passed away on June 3, 2018, in his 97th year. Predeceased by his wife Loreen, who has been waiting for him to join her. "Dochie" is survived by his four children, Douglas, Frank, Roberta and Elizabeth, with their loved ones, including nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Duncan worked for 42 years with the Bank of

Montreal. He served in a number of towns and cities in Manitoba and Saskatchewan including Winnipeg, Maple Creek, Siemens, Gladstone, Portage La Prairie, Limerick, Belmont and Souris. He served with the Canadian Armed Forces, (CANLOAN) during the Second World War and was wounded in combat in Belgium. The family would like to thank the staff at St. Boniface Palliative Care Centre for their compassion to Duncan for his last few days. We also want to thank Dr. Junaid, Dr. Harding, Dr. Racette and the CancerCare doctors and staff. Dad was as sharp as a tack to the end and never lost his sense of humour or dry wit. We have many fond memories and will miss him. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book please visit [www.chapellawn.ca](http://www.chapellawn.ca) Chapel Lawn Funeral Home 204-885-9715

*Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Jun 09, 2018*

### **NORMAN ANDREW MACDONALD (Cold War)**

[https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-259582/MACDONALD\\_NORMAN](https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-259582/MACDONALD_NORMAN)

NORMAN ANDREW MACDONALD Peacefully on October 30, 2018 at Grace Hospital, after complications from a short illness, Norman Andrew MacDonald passed away. Norman was born in Winnipeg on November 4, 1929. He is survived by his four children, Brian (Valerie), Heather (Craig), Colin (Glenda), and Ken (Anna), seven grandchildren. and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Donald (New York) and Robert (Edmonton) and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Eileen in 2004, his father Andrew in 1982, his mother Violet in 1985, and granddaughter Danielle in 1985.

Norm went to school in Winnipeg, attending Riverview School, Lord Roberts School, and Kelvin High School. He was employed with the CNR as a Carman for 43 years, retiring in 1989.

Norm was well known in the Scottish Pipe Band Community. He joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada Cadets in 1941 where he learnt how to play the bagpipes. He moved to the main regiment in 1946, retiring as a Warrant Officer in 1984. In 1969, Norm joined the Khartoum Shrine Pipes and Drums, where he was an active playing member for over 45 years. Norm was also one of the founders of the Manitoba Massed Pipes and Drums in 1973 which eventually became the Manitoba Pipes and Drums. He served as Pipe Major of all the above bands and was recognized as a Pipe Major Emeritus of the Shrine Pipes and Drums. Playing the bagpipes gave him the opportunity to travel all over the world.

In 1976, Norm was chosen by the Canadian Government to represent Canada as a piper at the World's Fair in Japan. Some of the other many highlights of his piping career were playing in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California three different years (including being the only non-American band until that time to have ever lead the parade), and playing at The World Curling Championships in Sweden, Germany and in Canada. Norman was particularly proud to have been presented a City of Winnipeg Community Service Award in 1994 by Mayor Susan Thompson.

Norm's favourite place was his cabin at Grand Marais where he loved to spend as much time as he could. He had many friends at the lake that he enjoyed having a beer or two with especially his "Grand Beach Boys" and eventually the "Grand Beach Girls". He loved to reminisce about his years as a teenager at the lake and his work at the Dance Hall in Grand Beach. In the last few years, he loved his winter getaways with family and friends to Huatulco, Mexico and Costa Rica where he went zip lining at the age of 85. A celebration of Norman's life was held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the Shrine Temple, 1155 Wilkes Avenue, Winnipeg, MB. Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to Shrine Transportation Fund at 1155 Wilkes Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3P 1B9 or by calling 204-925-1430. For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book please visit [www.chapellawn.ca](http://www.chapellawn.ca) Chapel Lawn Funeral Home 204-885-9715  
*Full obit published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Nov 03, 2018*

### **PATRICIA DOROTHY WILL (LCol Sandy Will's late wife)**

<https://www.arbormemorial.ca/chapellawn/obituaries/patricia-dorothy-will/28387/>

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our wife, mother and grandmother, Patricia Dorothy Will, age 79, on Saturday, December 29, 2018.

Pat was born to Harry and Vera (Hinam) Attwood, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, August 3, 1939. Pat grew up at 441 Arlington Street and spent summer holidays and weekends with her mom and dad at their cottage in the Grand Beach Campsite. When the C.N.R. sold the Grand Beach site to the Province in 1962, they purchased a cottage in Grand Marais. The weekend trips home from the Beach involved a stop at Weston's Bakery to load Harry's truck for the next morning's deliveries which she sometimes accompanied him on.

Pat enjoyed swimming and spent many years at Sherbrook Pool with her mother Vera as members of the Women's Amateur Swimming Club. She also taught swimming and lifesaving both in Winnipeg and in Grand Beach. In addition to swimming Pat loved cross country skiing, skating, camping and canoeing. She was also actively involved with Canadian Girls in Training at St Matthews Church, Explorers at St Jude's Church and in later years was an active member of P.E.O., Chapter L.

Pat attended General Wolfe School and Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute and following graduation she was employed by the Manitoba Telephone System at the 138 Portage Avenue office. Pat also worked for the Bank of Nova Scotia and in recent years as an Elections Officer for the Provincial and municipal elections.

She met her husband, Sandy, at Grand Beach in the summer of 1957. They were married June 16, 1962. In 1964 they moved into their lifelong home on Harvest Lane where she took up breeding and showing West Highland White Terriers. Their son Blair was born in 1969 followed by Glenn in 1971.

Summer with Sandy and the boys were spent at the cottage in Grand Marais or camping in a canvas tent and later a tent trailer in Northern Ontario, North Dakota and Minnesota. The couple

also travelled to England, Scotland, Wales and France. As well they enjoyed cruises to Alaska, the Caribbean, Hawaii and the UK.

Pat and Sandy were actively involved with Winnipeg Scottish Country Dance (Royal Scottish Country Dance Society) and were part of the demonstration dance group.

Pat was also involved with Government House and accompanying Sandy as he served as an Honorary Aides-de-Camp for the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba from 1987 till 2015.

Pat was an avid crafter and her hands were rarely still. She loved sewing, knitting, ceramics, painting and making outfits and dance costumes for her grandchildren. She also had a zeal for Bingo, figure skating, curling and Babycham.

Patricia was predeceased by her parents Harry (1991) and Vera (2011). She is survived by her husband of 56 years Alexander (Sandy) Will, sons Blair (Terri) and Glenn (Shona), and grandchildren. She is also survived by cousins Katherine Halliday, Irene Hinam, and William Hinam.

A special thanks to Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service and The Winnipeg Police Department for their sympathetic and kind care. A celebration of Patricia's life was held at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg on Saturday, January 5, 2019, Rev. Kevin MacDonald officiating. Interment to follow in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

*Full obit published on the Chapel Lawn page Jan03, 2019*

**WIDOW'S / WIDOWER'S SUPPLEMENT:** There is income supplement for widows / widowers. They will mail out a form for the survivor to complete. You will need proof of marriage and the soldier's regimental number etc. and the spouse's income tax forms. If the financial situation is going badly the survivor should contact Veterans Affairs.

*Link current to 19 Dec 2018*

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/services/information-for/families-and-survivors/earnings-loss>

**FUNERAL AND BURIAL ASSISTANCE:** The Veterans Affairs Canada Funeral and Burial Program ensures that eligible Veterans receive dignified funeral and burial services. The Last Post Fund (LPF), a non-profit organization, delivers the program on behalf of Veterans Affairs Canada. To be eligible for the program, Veterans must meet both military and financial criteria.

*Link current to 19 Dec 2018*

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/services/financial/funeral-burial>

**\* SICK & VISITING \***

**Former HCol Jim Burns** (Cold War) – Home from the M.O.'s digs and doing ok but has done much better. All the best sir !

**Mavis Coutts** (Gord's widow) – Doing OK but limited mobility so enjoying the wilds of St. Norbert. It's OK to visit, it's not even half way to Emerson. There's even a Coop Gas bar in case you run low during the drive out there !

**Lisa Gibson** (Dave's wife) – Did not pass her Mosh Pit Diving Course at the school play. Lisa has been recovering at home for some time to come with a shoulder out of sorts. Glad to hear that you are on the mend Lisa and we're hoping that you have a full recovery !!!

**Taffy Gray** (Cold War PPCLI & Camerons) – Our former RSM has added a modern version of the Small Box Respirator to his Marching Order, although to be honest he calls it “His Girlfriend”. Betty is not jealous in the slightest but agreed when he wasn't feeling well the other day that he should check in with the M.O. at St. B. Hospital. Get well soon Taff !

**Maryanne McQuaig** (LCol Ken's wife) – Maryanne has been to the M.O. lately. She's doing well. Her new look is very stylish and suits her quite well !

**PTSD Help Line:** The toll-free number 1-855-373-8387 will be manned by veterans who will be available on a 24-hour basis. The callers will not be required to identify themselves. See also the Cameron “Links” section of the web page for other useful links:

<http://thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/links.html>

**\* PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \***

It is still our hope to have the monument completed by late summer of 2019, but if we have to wait a little longer to ensure that this is completed in a first class manner, that is what we will do. We are only going to get one shot at a project of this scale. This is not only a memorial to our fallen but it will also tell the history of our Regiment and the sacrifices that were made and the honours that were earned.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Sunday, 03 February at the Cameron Kirk Parade and at the Kirk coffee session that follows it. I expect that the usual tours of the Cameron Chapel will be available for the newcomers.

Regards

Steve MacMillan

**\* VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \***

Our VP is still very busy boy but sends his regards. Keep up the good work Fred !

**\* RECONNECT WITH FORMER CAMERONS \***

This is an important thing to do for the health of the Association. There are still lots of former Camerons out there that we don't know about for various reasons. Just because you or they weren't Second World War or Korea veterans doesn't make them any less important to the Cameron Association. Please help us locate them and bring them back into the fold. The ranks of the SWW guys are almost non-existent now and the torch must pass to the following generations of Camerons that we may continue to serve our fellow Camerons.

We only have about 53 paid up members at this time. Thanks very much to those fine souls who have donated some of their hard earned dollars to keep hard copies of this newsletter going out to the guys without computers. Many are Second War men but some younger former Camerons who live in areas with poor internet service or dial up, or are just plain happy to be off of the grid.

**Subject: Oatmeal Rag Sign Up Question**

01/06/2019

Good Afternoon,

Just finished reading over the latest copy of the Oatmeal Rag. I would like to receive a copy but don't see anywhere to sign up. My grandfather was in the 43rd battalion in the great war. Taken in the third draft he served with the regiment from Amiens to Mons. His name, Pte. 3130948 Lawrence Joseph Clark.

Other than the information in the DND war diaries I have no idea what he might have done with the regiment. I also enjoyed the info on your pipe band I'm a piper as well. I visited the Borden school of music last summer and the WO had just arrived to look after the pipe band. I should like to spend some time with them.

Cheers,

John Clark

**SUBJECT: QOCH/R. Wpg. Rifles/38th Service museum visits**

Hello Gentlemen (and perhaps Ladies as well?),

My colleague Jim Osler and myself are taking 30 students to Poland, Germany, and Amsterdam in March of 2019. The purpose of our trip is to follow the route taken by the liberators of the Netherlands through to Germany, with a stop in Poland to learn about the Holocaust. We would like to co-ordinate a date in the near future to bring approximately 30 students and perhaps as many parents into Minto Armouries to visit the three museums before our departure.

We had arranged a similar 3 museum tour in 2017, right before we took 25 students to Europe for the 100<sup>th</sup> Memorial of Vimy Ridge, and were hoping to again tour the three museums to help our students understand the sacrifices of those who served overseas. Similar to what we did in 2017, each student will be memorializing a soldier or holocaust victim. We are travelling specifically to visit Groesbeek Cemetery, where 15 of our students will have been given research profiles of the men who gave their lives to free the Dutch from German occupation, and will memorialize these men at their graveside.

Please find a link to the video one of our students produced after our last visit to the three museums and our trip to France – you can clearly see the impact that the trip had on this student and his family: <https://youtu.be/vUCI0VEBVAM>

In 2017, the arrangement we made was to split our large group into 3, with each of these smaller groups rotating through the museums for 25-30 minutes at each one. We found this to be ideal – not too many people, but few enough that everyone got their questions answered, and the museums were not too overcrowded.

Since our school is out of town, in an ideal world we would do all three tours on the same night to avoid multiple trips into the city. Therefore, I am contacting all three museums to try to coordinate a common evening. Having spoken to Ian Stewart at the Rifles Museum on 1/10/2019, he assured me that if we could arrange to visit the Cameron/38 SVC museums on a Tuesday night, he would try to ensure the Rifles Museum would also be open for us.

I'd like to propose the date of Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, if that works for all of you. Timing would be from 18:30 to approximately 20:30.

If you could get back to me at your earliest convenience to confirm that this time/date is good, we'd appreciate it. The sooner I can confirm the date to our students/parents, they better chance that they can attend.

Thanks in advance for your support.

James Chagnon

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[www.sunrisesd.ca/school/sci](http://www.sunrisesd.ca/school/sci)

**\* WHERE ARE THEY NOW ? \***

**DUNCAN M. ANDERSON (Cold War)** – Came out of his medical procedure OK and is on the mend. Great to hear it Duncan !

**NATHAN CARRIGAN (Cold War, ISAF)** – Nate is currently working at GoodLife Fitness on Regent Ave as a personal trainer.

**SEAN DELAMERE (Cold war Camerons, Cyprus, ISAF)** – Is as busy as only a top notch plumber can be !

**DAN GOERTZEN (Cold War, PKO)** – Dan and his daughter Lily have been doing some solid fitness training over the Christmas break. He posted a personal best for the 15 Km run. Well done Dan and thanks to Lily for keeping the “Old Boy” in top shape !

**SHAUNA MULLIGAN (Cold War Medics but posted to us for years and unofficially adopted as a Cameron)** – Is getting married in 2019 to Kory McJannet. No ceremony, just the paperwork she says. Of course the low key paperwork event is to be followed by a cosplay party.

*Editor's Note: All the best you two !*

**KEN SMITH (SWW)** - Ken spoke with Hugh O'D on 19 Dec. Ken sends his blessing to all Camerons, former and serving, for a Merry Christmas and Happy 2019. He's sounding well and continues his generous support of the regiment.

*Editor's Note: On behalf of all ranks of the Camerons bless you too sir !*

**MAJOR (JUST RETIRED !) DON STEENSON (Cold War, Haiti, ISAF)** - Don has finally called it quits after a very long career spanning the Camerons, Svc Bn, and the WITG. Now that he's done with PKOs and BOI's it's time to do some grandparenting on a full time basis. Congrats and all the best Don ! (A picture or two follow)

**LLOYD JONES (SWW)** – Doing OK at last contact. Hugh will try to call soon.

**ROY MACGILLIVRAY (Edmonton Fusiliers & RCA 1944-45, RCR SAS PL 1948, Korean War RCR, Cameron RSS 1970's)** Roy is still enjoying Manitoba winters – by staying indoors as much as possible ! Hugh will try to get by to visit soon.

**\* 2018-19 DUES (\$20) STILL PAYABLE UNTIL AUG 2019 \***

As of any old time you can connect with Association Treasurer **David Gibson** (per the cover page of the Oatmeal Rag) who will take your payment. If you are not sure of your status please contact Dave and he'll either be happy to take your \$20.00 payment or be most unhappy that he doesn't get to take any money from you - yet - this year.

A newer method that can also be used is interact e transfer. Our Treasurer, Dave Gibson has now gotten set up for it, but you can also do it through the Secretary, Hugh O'Donnell. It works

rather like pay Pal for those of you familiar with that service. Here's link to one of the the web page options:

<http://interac.ca/en/interac-e-transfer-consumer.html>

### \* CAMERON ASSOCIATION REPORT \*

#### **\*\*\* Reminder you too can become a LIFE MEMBER of The Association \*\*\***

This was an item added to the agenda at the last AGM by some very forward thinking members of the Association. It would be beyond rude to comment upon their age however I must point out that this is yet another case of our elders and betters displaying flexible thinking. Fossilized they are not !

**Short version, any member in good standing of at least 65 years of age will be allowed to buy a Life Membership in the Cameron Association in Canada for \$250 Cdn as of NOW.** This money is restricted to being spent on an "as earned" basis, which is to say The Association cannot have a grand party one year and be broke the next. We can only add the \$20 per year of the \$250 to each succeeding year's budget.

#### **THE CAMERON FALLEN COMRADES MEMORIAL**

**Special Note Of Recognition: The late Sgt (Ret'd) Ian MacGregor's work in writing up every single Cameron he could identify was invaluable to this phase of the project. Thank you for your hard work Ian !!!**

Our total numbers are in thanks to some very hard work going through Ian's numbers and our other records by Mike Nickerson and Grant Tyler from the Cameron Museum (sidenote – this is why they haven't had the time to keep up with family information requests) and they are far higher for both wars that I thought possible. Some other long time and long serving Camerons are also probably going to be shocked to see the total number of men who passed through the Camerons during the two world wars. I sure was anyhow ! One has to bear in mind that not everyone enrolled made it into the military and many men were Camerons but briefly I suppose.

At any rate, progress continues. The granite is purchased and the architect is paid. And the bills are coming in too of course. We are waiting on a few things just now, such as the City of Winnipeg to carry on with more of the Vimy Ridge park redevelopment plan, funding request approvals, and other such activities but we're going to get this done !

It'll happen sooner with your support of course.

**There are different options to support this endeavour. Please read the descriptions**

**carefully because they are significant for tax and other purposes !**

Donations may be made in three (3 !) different ways:

**1. E-Transfer:** This can be done by E-transferring us your donation of \$25 Cdn or more (because while lesser amounts are welcome, to get a tax receipt it MUST be \$25 CDN or more). Be sure to include your name and mailing address !

**[gochmonumentfund@gmail.com](mailto:gochmonumentfund@gmail.com)**

**2. By cheque to the Cameron Foundation:** This can be done by sending your donation of \$25 Cdn or more (because while lesser amounts are welcome, to get a tax receipt it MUST be \$25 CDN or more) to:

The Cameron Foundation  
180 Kingsway Ave  
Wpg, MB R3M 0H2

*Again, ONLY donations of more than \$25 by cheque or E-Transfer will be issued a tax receipt.*

**3. The Cameron monument GoFundMe web page:** Tax receipts for this type of donation will NOT be issued. The site does not track addresses and apparently charitable donation receipts are not normally part of how they operate. Sorry about that !

This web page is located at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/qoch-of-canada-monument-fund>

**\* REGIMENTAL WEB SITES \***

The Unit web site is still up running. The unit web site continues to be a point of contact between ourselves, the families of those who served in the Camerons, and those who become interested in the Camerons for one reason or another. We continue to have a few requests through the unit web site for information from families about former Camerons. If anybody can help out with them please feel free to do so. You can find the web site at:

*Link current to 19 December 2018*

<http://thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/>

**“The Cameron Highlanders of Canada Memorial Site, Recording the History of the Regiment, 1914-1919”** web site is one that every Cameron should have looked at over the coming years.

Thank you so very much for an unparalleled job of helping out the Cameron regimental family Mr. McLean.

<http://www.cameronhighlanderscanada.com/>

Wilfred Laurier University has a page devoted to the Canadian War Diaries of the Normandy Campaign. While not a complete collection at this time (The Fort Garry Horse are missing as are some of the supporting arms and services War Diaries), ours and the rest of the 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade look to be complete.

*Link current to 19 December 2018*

<http://lmharchive.ca/canadian-divisions-of-the-normandy-campaign/2nd-canadian-infantry-division/>

### \* UNIT EVENTS \*

#### **REGIMENT:**

Now that the Camerons are on their own again they have been very, very busy ! From the time that LCol David Fraser took over until now here is a short list and a few pictures of what the lads have gotten up to.

#### **BATTALION:**

As pictured below, plus the usual majority of the troops away undergoing courses and ongoing training. The unit strength is currently about 80 and recruiting is still going full tilt. You can see some of the latest recruits falling in behind the unit. They'll get to take their place in the ranks in due time, just as you and I did.

It's rather like the days after the the battles at REGINA TRENCH or PASSCHENDAELE right now but don't worry Canada, The Camerons are back and you'll be OK now !

**“A” COMPANY UPDATE:** Training has continued to be a success into the new year as we have completed a winter indoc ex and a winter survival ex. The following have recently been promoted: Sgt mladjenovic to WO, MCpl Senchuk to Sgt, and Cpl Conrad, who has just successfully completed his PLQ, to MCpl.

we have two more members who have just begun their PLQ, who along with our current ncos, will give the Cameron's a good foundation in it's nco leadership. the RSM Installation Parade

for CWO Abrahamse went well and we are pleased that he will be working with us. we had the men's Christmas Dinner as an independent unit for the first time in a decade and it was an excellent time.

We are looking forward to all the training in the New Year.

ULLAMH!

Lt Cameron Bonnett



*The unit forming up for the Installation of RSM Parade*

**Pipes & Drums Update:** The Pipes & Drums have had a busy holiday season this year. The band was very proud to perform a joint Christmas concert at the St. James No.4 Legion with the Band of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Drumline. The event was a great success and we look forward to another show in 2019. The Pipes & Drums also supported an excellent Hogmanay celebration hosted by the Officers and the New Years Levee.

The band would like to congratulate Pte Cameron Dawson on his recent enrolment in the Canadian Armed Forces, Drummer Ryan Summerton on the completion of his Basic Military Qualification, and Cpl Colin Gluting for being named Corporal of the Year for 2018.

P/M Dan Locke



***OUR NEW RSM: CWO JEREMY ABRAHAMSE***

**Cameron Kit Shop:**

In a bit of a state of flux right now while the Rifles and Camerons sort out their new lines and who's who in the zoo. More to follow once I have some wisdom to offer. Probably best not to hold your breath at this point.

**\* REGIMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD NOTES \***

The Advisory Board continues to provide sound advice to the CO on all matters Cameron in “interesting times”. The Board also continues to try to support all ranks and the Cameron cadets in their various endeavours.

The Advisory Board continues to provide excellent support to the Cameron Monument Project in every possible fashion from moral support to financial advice and guidance to coordination with the City of Winnipeg.

More recently they have been guiding the committee members through grant application processes from some of the agencies around the province, notably The Winnipeg Foundation.

**\* REGIMENTAL FOUNDATION 2017-18 NOTES \***

The Regimental Foundation has been very helpful with the Cameron Monument and continues to help the Association with the funding process.

Thank you to all of those who have contributed to the Foundation. Every dollar helps !

### **\* CAMERON CADETS \***

The Cameron cadets have been busy. The corps strength is now about 71 with a couple of recent calls requesting information about joining up. There are 12 cadets undergoing Marksmanship training and a couple are trying out biathlon training. It should also be noted that one has been awarded a Duke of Edinburgh award in the Bronze category, well done young Highlander !

As a 2018 closing activity the Cameron Cadets had a Stand Down party in the South Osborne Exchange (some of you will recognize this as the Mulvey Flea market building), which was a good time for all present.

For further information regarding our cadets please visit their official web page and you will see how to sign up for REMIND. This will be a communications tool the Corps uses to notify all concerned of activities, notices, quick information etc.... sign up at: <http://www.407army.ca/>

### **\* REGIMENTAL REINFORCEMENTS \***



Jordan Booth and his lady have welcomed the newest of the Cameron reinforcements, and here she is Claire Booth, born 09 Dec 2018.

### **\* OTHER REGIMENTAL NOTES \***



**Rounds Completed:**

**Cameron Men's Christmas Caroling and Dinner – 15 Dec 2018**

This was our first solo Cameron Christmas Dinner in quite a few years and while we wish our Minto fireteam partners, The Royal Winnipeg Rifles, a very Merry Christmas it was a fine evening without them. I'm sure they felt the same way, off at 17 Wing celebrating Christmas The Rifle Way”.

Our turn out was quite good but 10 of the lads were off on training and it would have been nice

to see more of the Association folks there too. Here are a few pictures of the events for you:



*Cpl Davidson, who is now a firefighter, FINALLY gets his gong*

### **The Cameron Hogmany 28 Dec 2018 and The Cameron Levee 01 Jan 2019**

The Hogmany is being resurrected and the Levee continues. Thanks to Ken McCuaig for all of his hard work keeping the Levee going and it's good to hear that the Hogmany, which has been struggling for a bit at best, is getting a new shot in the arm. Our new CO followed some advice from the seasoned (not old of course !) Camerons and shifted the date to one that a few more people could attend. This isn't a perfect solution but hopefully over time we'll keep the old traditions alive.



*The 2019 Levee in full swing, Ken McCuaig (R) presiding*

### **Incoming Rounds:**

Stay tuned to the Cameron web page, Facebook page, and check your email every now and then too. Here are a few that we know are on the way and their projected dates:

### **The Cameron WO's & Sgt's Robbie Burns Supper - 19 January 2019**

The Cameron WO's & Sgt's Club would like to thank all who supported the 2018 CAMERON WO'S & SGT'S ROBBIE BURNS SUPPER ! It was the the 58th Annual for those who are counting.

2019 tickets will be more expensive because we can't run this event for free and prices keep rising. On the bright side Sgt Sebastian Snidal will be sending out the link for e-payment again. Technological change, love it or hate it, it's not slowing down.

### **The Cameron Kirk Parade – 03 February 2019**

What: The usual Cameron Kirk Parade

Time: 1000 hrs for 1015 hrs at the Kirk.

Grid: 1st Presbyterian Kirk, 61 Picardy Place, Winnipeg, Manitoba

<http://www.firstpresbyterianwinnipeg.com/worship.htm>

Cost: Tuppence for the plate. Inflation you know.

Special Instructions: Please let the Association secretary know if you plan to attend. If we have more than 10 members I'll need to let the Clerk of Session staff know for planning purposes.

**\* LINKS \***

**Before You Go - Information for Reservists to assist their Release from the Canadian Armed Forces**

This site is set up for guys like us. The P Res guys who are trying to figure out just what in the heck is supposed to happen. It is available to guys who are already releasing, are long out, etc.

*Link current to 15 Dec 2018*

<http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/caf-community-support-services-for-members-reservists/before-you-go.page>

**Registered Disability Savings plan (RDSP)**

If you have left the military with a disability that qualifies you may wish to look into this plan.

*Link current to 15 Dec 2018*

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/registered-disability-savings-plan-rd-sp.html>

**Canadian Veteran's Advocacy: one veteran, one standard web site**

*Editor's Note: Some folks I respect tell me this is a good group. The link below is from one of their pages.*

*Link current to 15 Dec 2018*

[http://canadianveteransadvocacy.com/VACDND\\_Services-Benefits/?p=1153](http://canadianveteransadvocacy.com/VACDND_Services-Benefits/?p=1153)

**JPSU – Aide Memoire-Applying for Degenerative Disability**

[http://canadianveteransadvocacy.com/VACDND\\_Services-Benefits/?p=375](http://canadianveteransadvocacy.com/VACDND_Services-Benefits/?p=375)

*Link current to 03 Jan 2019*

**\* LIGHT READING \***

**Strengthening the Army Reserve**

<http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/star/index.page>

In 2015 the federal government directed the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces to strengthen the Primary Reserve. Along with the latest Defence Policy requirements, the result is a plan to increase and sustain the strength of the Reserve to a sustainable strength of 30,000 by 2019.

*Editor's Note: This seems to be an echo, I've heard it before. Maybe this time it'll be taken more seriously ?*

**\* HISTORICAL NOTES \***

There are still families of First and Second War Camerons asking for more information about their kin. If anyone can help out please send the Oatmeal Rag editor what you have or ask to be put in touch directly and he'll do so.

**Major-General Archie “Batty Mac” MacDonnell** (who on 21<sup>st</sup> of May 1921 became our third Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel and was later our third Honorary Colonel) had this, and plenty more, to say in his Final Order of the Day to his 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Division on 17 Nov 1918: <https://fishercollections.library.utoronto.ca/islandora/object/broadsides%3ARBD00360>

“We have been through great things together, seen much, endured much, and accomplished much. Memories crowd fast upon us; our victories, our glorious dead – who fell battling for the Right, and therefore, fell in the Peace of God, and live today as never before – our maimed and mutilated comrades, Canada's care and ours, through life.”

**“IT WOULDN’T BE AN OATMEAL RAG WITHOUT A WEE JOKE” - RUSS MILLER**

“I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day ... “  
Courtesy Duncan M. Anderson

Quoting The Wipers Times book, p. 223

“With Apologies to Rudyard Kipling.

When you're waiting for zero, to go o'er the top,  
And yer mind gets a wondering what you will stop,  
Just go to your bottle, and neck a wee drop,  
Cos thinkin' ain't good for a soldier.

When the 'un starts a barrage and you've nowhere to go,  
Don't wander round looking for dugouts and so,  
Just flop where you happen to be, don't you know  
Any 'ole's good enough for a soldier.

When yer click for a leave, and yer warrant's come through,  
Don't waste any time thinking what you will do,  
Just grab up yer pack, leg it quick fer Berloo,  
Any leaves good enough for a soldier.”

**Verification of Former Service DS Solution:** You can check the FAQ at this site for more information but here are the basics:

“28. I used to be a CAF member. How do I get my file? Service records of retired or released CAF members are kept at DND for only a few years before they are sent to Library and Archives Canada. So if you recently retired or have recently been released from the CAF, and suspect your records might not yet be held at Library and Archives Canada, you may contact the DND Directorate of Military Careers Administration to obtain your records by dialing 1-866-240-6726. However, most military records may be obtained through Library and Archives Canada, including at the following Library and Archives sub-site:

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html>

You may call Library and Archives by dialing 1-866-578-7777 for assistance. Library and Archives Canada is the federal government department that preserves and makes accessible the documentary heritage of Canada. It also serves as the continuing memory of the Government of Canada and its institutions. As such, Library and Archives Canada holds extensive collections of military records.”

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Sponsors to date are: Mr. Max Katz, our very first sponsor, of the Oatmeal Rag and the Jewish War Vets; Mr. Greg Flom, a former Cameron; Maj. Bill Gray, Cameron Advisory Board; Sgt Tim Seeley, Drum Sgt Extraordinaire; MCpl (Ret'd) Mark Silver, our “Eastern Branch” contact; Sgt (Ret'd) Roy Taylor, the Cameron WO's & Sgt's #1 choice for reading “Rab” Burn's poetry; Maj. Ken Smith, who also has so kindly donated prizes for the Reunion Golf; Col. Bob Darling, Past President of the Cameron Advisory Board; Mr. W L (Lloyd) Jones, SWW Cameron; P/M Donald Morrison Cold War; Ken Smith and Lloyd Jones yet again God bless them; Sgt. Bill Douglas, Dieppe Raid.

***Gentlemen, we thank you !***

**Around the Unit Lines**



*Don Steenson's Depart With Dignity event.*

*Young Cameron Dawson sworn in 04 Dec 2018*



### Around the Unit Lines

*Presentation of a cheque from the Scottish Gentleman's Club to the Cameron Foundation for the monument.*



*Col. Doug Ludlow's Cap badge collection, can anyone recall which collar dogs were stolen ?*



# Historical reenactor brings war memorabilia to local library

By Justin Luschinski

Around 20 community and area members at the Gaynor Family Regional Library last Friday travelled back to 1914, as a historical reenactor in full combat gear held a presentation on the First World War.

Frederick Carsted, a historical reenactor for the First World War, showed off his collection of Canadian soldier gear as part of the Circle of Friends program at the local library. Carsted wore a soldier uniform and used various other props to teach the audience about life in the trenches.

Carsted said that the Great War is more complicated than most people think.

"Before I started, I believed all the myths that most people do. The truth is the Great War was complicated, in the early parts of the war, there were large sweeping assaults, big troop movements, and the trenches were only a part of that," Carsted said. "Nobody anticipated trench warfare, they had to figure it out on the job. Generals had a tactical problem they never faced before, so they kept trying new things. The downside is, lots of people got killed because of it."

Carsted showed off the Canadian uniform, which would drastically change as the war was coming to a close.

Initially, Canadian soldiers wore cloth or leather helmets, which barely protected them from shrapnel, much less the sniper or machine gun fire



RECORD PHOTO BY JUSTIN LUSCHINSKI

Frederick Carsted, in Canadian First World War fighting gear, holds a rifle during a presentation at the Gaynor Family Regional Library last Friday.

that was common in the trenches. At the end of the war, the Canadians wore metal helmets to deflect some of the shrapnel from artillery fire, and they had pouches hanging in front for gas masks.

Many of the attendees last Friday were also interested in talking about post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). A few of them talked about

having fathers and grandfathers, who went overseas and came back as changed men.

Irene Foster, one of the attendees, said the horrors of war should not be forgotten.

"I have a grandson who served in Afghanistan. We don't ask him questions about (his PTSD), but he's doing fine now. I'm scared of getting into another war, I can understand how that might change someone forever." Foster

said. "It's horrible. We have to negotiate, and not fight. Fighting is not the answer. Everybody is a human being. Once the world accepts that, we'll be a whole lot better off."

The last known Canadian First World War veteran, John Babcock, died in February 2010, at 109 years old.

More than 650,000 men and women from Canada and Newfoundland served during the First World War — more than 66,000 gave their lives and more than 172,000 were wounded, according to Veteran Affairs Canada.

*Frederick Carsted carrying on educating young Canadians about what their countrymen did in the Great War.*



*As always our special thanks to The Commissionaires for their continued support !*