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"Melfa 2003 Was Great!"

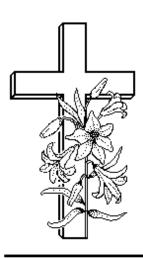
Melfa 2004 Dates Set! Mark Your Calendar!

Look What Your Executive Is Doing For You!

Remembrance Day November 11th, 2003

Ceremony at the Armoury Starts at 10am Be seated before 0930am

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.



In Memoriam

William JASMAN, November 2002, Cultas Lake BC.

Lloyd BRYCE, May 2003, Surrey BC.

Les DANCE, October 2002, Nanaimo BC.

HEALTH & WELFARE

After spending some time in hospital, Ron **Hurley** (604 321-8464) fighting off a severe case of pneumonia. On returning home, reports loss of use of his legs. Believes this will be temporary....... Vernon **Ardagh** (604 - 535-9093), that gentleman reports he is not mobile and misses some of the simple things in life. Timing is everything and if you visit Vernon, he offers his happy hour time is 3'oclock..... Chuck **Smithers** has checked into George Derby. By the time you receive this Groundsheet, Nelson (Scotty) **Scott** (604 521-3294) will have celebrated his 90th birthday. Time sure is zipping along. Happy birthday good friend. We say hello to Colin **McQuarrie** now residing at Canada Way Lodge. To all the Good & Welfare extend to you our sincerest best wishes.

Jerry Gangur

We Will Remember Them

As the final editing was being done on this edition of the Groundsheet, the 6pm news was being displayed on the television. Two soldiers killed and three wounded in Afghanistan. Canada's troops are still very active around the world and we should do everything we can to support them and in particular, *Remember* them daily for the sacrifice they are making. So many of our Member's know what it is like to have been in battle. Those of us that wear the uniform and who have never been on the battlefield, can only imagine. Today is a sad day because we lost two brother's. Please take a moment and think of them and their families. Please think of the injured soldiers and their families as well. We can only hope for a continued safe operation. The family of The Royal Westminster Regiment extends sympathies to the families of the fallen and injured soldiers.

In Memory of
Sgt. Robert SHORT - 3RCR
Cpl. Robbie BEERENFENGER - 3RCR

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Received a few more positive comments about the Groundsheet. Thanks. The Melfa weekend was one of the better ones in the past years. Golf had a few more guys out. The dinner had 20 or more attend and a few new faces at the brunch and AGM. Nice to see former members from the 70s and 80s. Good going. I now have a little more faith. It seems we have to struggle at this. Good going Brian **Knipstrom** for stepping forward and taking the helm. I'm sure you will do fine with the new Executive. Len, you did a great job during your time and we all appreciate your effort.

Last issue I mentioned that the Groundsheet would contain a story about the museum. Things got crossed and I didn't get it in that issue. Sorry about that. This edition contains an update from Herb **Hamm**.

Last night was the Change Over Dinner for the new/old Executive. I understand they hadn't had one for a few years. We dinned at the Westminster Club and had an enjoyable evening with our ladies.

I've taken over the maintenance of the Associations master database. Thanks to the great efforts of Gary **Brooks** for looking after it. In the meantime, I had to learn Access. I've modified a few things and hopefully, keep everything up to date. What is critical is getting your change of addresses. If you have received this Groundsheet (GS) and don't want it, please let me know. With doing away with a mailing list that I used before getting the database from Gary, there could be a few mistakes. It will sort itself out as we go along.

On the same note, if you run into a former member of the Regiment, ask them if they get the Groundsheet. If they don't, let one of the Executives know or call/email me and I will put them on the mail list for the GS. We will worry about dues later.

My next item (and this will go a long way to see who reads my column) is of special interest. I have 4 copies of The Westminsters' War Diary. Yep! *Long story!* Anyway, I am willing to part with two of them and I need to know who is willing to 'cough up' something for them. I am considering a donation to the Army Cadets as the fee. I certainly don't want to profit. If you want a copy, send me a note via email or snail mail and depending on how many requests I get, a draw will take place or they will go to the highest bidders. Sound fair?

Another tid bit of news! After 9 years of being semiretired on the Supplementary List, I have signed back up and by the time you read this I will have been back in Her Majesty's Canadian Forces. Yes that's cor-

rect! I am now the Administration Officer with 2316 Army Cadet corps in New Westminster. Another *long storey!*

I had a sad day in July. My mother passed away on July 11th. Why should I mention this? Well, my Mom was **Barbara (Barrie) L. Naylor** (later Usher and then Taylor). My Mom was a member of the CWAC and served in the mid to late 1940s. She joined in New Westminster. Her father served with the 104th. Her first husband Jack **Usher** (my father) was a member of the Regiment for many years and we know what support the wives give to the Regimental husbands. My Mom was a trooper. I can recall the kids Christmas parties she helped organize, the New Year's levee cooking for the Sgt's and Officers Mess in the crappy little kitchen, all those parades, dinners, balls and functions. Not to mention the overwhelming support she gave her three son's, Ken, Scott and me, through years of army cadets and the militia. My Mom was able to make it to the Armoury last November to see how I did as the new Chairman of the Remembrance Day service. That was her last time in the Armoury that she had been coming to for some 70 plus years. That was Barrie! My Mom. She will be missed.

Well it's been one year now that I took over as the editor of the Groundsheet. I made a few minor changes that seemed to have pleased most. I will continue to look for more ideas and stories as editions roll on. What is missing though is the correspondence we use to get. We now only get one or two letters every so often. Have you got a story that you would like in the paper? Then send it to me. I'd been more than pleased to place it in.

It's now been a month or so that I rejoined the Regimental Army Cadet Corps. Wow! Loads of changes to the Canadian Cadet Movement. So far so good. I am enjoying being back helping out where I think my talents are best used. The cadets are great. They have great attitude and are a inspiration. And what a band we have. I hope you get to hear them one day. Until next issue, have a great holiday season and all the best for 2004!

Ted Usher, Editor

Are Your Dues Up To Date?

The Royal Westminster Regiment Association depends on your dues and donations. Yearly dues are \$15 and a Life Membership is \$100. How about a tax deductable donation? You can identify where you want the donation to go. The Future Fund, Cadets, Health & Welfare, or whatever you feel is worthwhile. Whatever you support, it is appreciated. Send in your dues to-day. Thanks.

Found & Lost

Some of the members who have been located or lost through the mail. Found **Robin HUES** located in Tasmania, **Terri ORSER** in Sooke and **Doug STOREY** in Surrey. We were informed that **Les DANCE** passsed away a year ago in October. Please make every effort to contact a member of the Association Executive to advise them of the passing on of members. Can anyone find **Bert LARSEN**? He was last heard from in the Montreal area.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

New President Signs In!
Greetings to all the Regimental Association members, and those desperately wanting to join. My name is Brian **Knipstrom**. Just prior to Melfa 2003 the nominating committee asked if I would step up to the Presidents position. Having been a Cadet and a soldier of the Regiment, I felt it my turn to attempt to fill your past presidents (Len Wohlgemuth) shoes. Let me tell you a little about myself. My first dealings with the Armoury was as a Navy League Cadet in 1964. I lasted until 1966 and discovered water wasn't for me. I joined the 2316 Westminster Regiment Cadet Corps and attained the rank of Cadet Warrant Officer. I started playing drums in the Regimental Band with Edgar **Hamm** as my mentor. A few of us senior Cadets were invited to play at the trooping of the colours parade in 1968 (?). I was hooked! Joined the Regiment in September 1969. After several years of exceptional camaraderie and fantastic travel, I retired as the R.S.M. in 1986. In 1980 I joined the New Westminster Police Department and am presently still employed as a Constable in Patrol Division. I truly hope I can entice, beg or steal your membership into this most respected and admired Regiment! PRO REGIET PATRIA

Brian N. Knipstrom

Past President's Report

Well fellow Westies it has been 4 years that I was your President and this year was a good one to step aside. I will not be stepping down as a member of the executive, but I will be more focused on specific issues/projects. As I look over the last four years it is hard to believe what was accomplished. Some of the items are: The beginning of receiving funds from the gaming commission, (Gaming Funds) The purchase of a trailer for our Surrey Cadet Corps, (Gaming Funds) The placement of a lamp post over our VC Memorial, (Gaming Funds) The production of the Jack Mahoney Booklet, (Gaming Funds) The presentation of Certificates for our Regimental Members who served under UN duty, An update of our constitution to allow for associate members and move our AGM to the Melfa Weekend, Moving the Melfa Dinner back to the Armouries.

As you can see some of the significant capital projects have come from the Gaming Funds. It is nice to have money. These funds were initially garnered under Fred West's Presidency by the work of Gary **Brooks**. So as you can see the above items were not all done by me alone. It takes a strong executive with a host of others supporting the President to accomplish these tasks. I would like to thank all the members of the executive during my tenure and the many others who helped make my Presidency so satisfying. In particular I would like to thank Fred West, Gary Brooks, Al Morton, Jerry Gangur, Herb Hamm, Brian Knipstrom, Graham Reimer, Larry Becket, Bruce Howells and Ted Usher. These are all members, at one time or another, have provided advice and time to make my job easier. From the Regiment I would like to thank Captain Chuck MacKinnon and 2Lt Jon Angelski. These two individuals assisted the association to ensure the success of the Melfa Weekends and Certificate presentations.

THE REGIMENT

Greetings All. What a summer it has been! Blackouts, West Nile Virus, Computer Viruses and Forest Fires. While the Regiment was not in a position to tackle the former, we were able to make a significant contribution to the latter. When the balloon went up, 39 CBG were asked to do a "staff check" (this is "militarese" for an educated guess with supporting numbers) in order to determine the feasibility of raising a Reserve Task Force to help fight fires. The Westies were originally asked to supply 3 people to which we responded a total of 35 soldiers who deployed in August and September. We were on the verge of deploying a Task Force HQ to replace the BCD's when the rains came and the fires abated. My congratulations to all Members who deployed on short order to help save lives and property in the Okanagan.

Summer time in the Reserves is synonymous with summer courses. Once again the Westies proved their mettle with strong placements on their courses. A few honourable mentions include: M/Cpl Sandulak - topped his Primary Leadership Qualification Course. Sgt Fieldler was in the top 3 of his 6B (Warrant Officer's) Course. M/Cpl's Nixon, Goldsby & Church made strong showings in their Infantry Section 2ic Course. Capt. Chuck MacKinnon did likewise in his Intermediate Tactics Course.

The Armouries Project (AKA the Courtyard Project) is finally nearing completion. After much delay due to 9-11, staff changes and assorted bureaucratic wrestling, the construction is over 90% complete and an opening ceremony is forthcoming. The original concept which would have seen a paving brick patio built, ran into unforeseen challenges involving major engineering excavations and drainage challenges. The Defence Engineering requirement to have earthquake proof retaining wall as well as the additional drainage (the next nearest storm sewer would have required that a trench 10ft deep and 100ft long crossing 6th St to tap into that sewer system) would have effectively tripled the cost of the project.

With some quick thinking and a great deal of hard work by the Project's Committee, a new and very workable plan was conceived. The result was that a large bi-level deck of massive proportions has now been built using the latest building materials available. The Geo-Deck is a synthetic material which has the appearance of wood but is non-slip, non- splitting, cracking or peeling and is in keeping with the heritage aspects of the Armoury. We have received numerous positive expressions of approval and we believe that this re-claimed area at the rear of the Armoury will serve both the Regiment and the Community for many generations to come!

For your information, the Regiment has been recognized by the Commander of 39 CBG for it's continued growth and it's ability to field large numbers of soldiers. To this end, we have been permitted to stand up a company (versus a platoon) in Aldergrove. This is significant as it will permit the Regiment to increase is establishment thereby allowing us to bring even more soldiers on strength (which sits at about 215 and counting). The current major Regimental appointments are as follows:

·CO – I will continue to command the Regiment until fall 04';

·DCO – Maj. Louis Beglaw, OpsO – Maj. Mathew Haussmann, Adjt – Lt. Randy McBryan

·RSM – MWO Crevier, OC A Coy (Aldergrove) Capt. Todd **Phillips**, OC B Coy (New West minster) Capt. Ben **Pong**Continued on page 12

THE MELFA REPORT

The Melfa was attended by over eighty men and women of the Regimental family. The theme this year was of Italy, in particular the Liri Valley. The food was a reflection of the ethnic background of the peoples of that region. A few delicious items were 'Pollo alla cacciotira', 'Lonza di marrala com relea di cipalle', and Melfatti green

morale com rolsa di cipolle', and Malfatti green gnocchi in tomato sauce'. It was as filling, as it was hard to pronounce. The merlot and Chardonnay wine complemented a fabulous meal. The toasts and speeches were short and well spoken. Hardly a fight erupted and camaraderie won out in the end. Bruce **Howells** ran the golf tournament and his report is in this issue of the Groundsheet.

When is Melfa 2004?
The dates are set for
May 21,22 & 23.
More in the spring issue.

The brunch and Annual General Meeting were well attended by approximately 40 members. Mike **Kelly** provided an excellent brunch which everyone ate with gusto. The meeting went well and all the Association business was attended to. I trust everyone enjoyed themselves and more will attend MELFA 2004 with as much enthusiasm as Melfa 2003! Your Melfa 2003 chairman,

Brian Knipstrom

MELFA GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year the tournament was held at the Maple Ridge Golf Course. Some say the location was selected because Bruce **Howells** lives near by. *A foolish thought in deed!* There were 18 of us out there this year. Some new faces from the past and some new faces from today's serving members of the Regiment. And as always the stead fast group who seem to make it out each year.

A special thanks for everyone participating. Herb **Brown** for showing off his legs and getting his moneys worth by hitting that little white ball some 170 plus times. Trophy winners this year are: Lee **Cooke** for Low Gross, Terry **Leith**, Low Net and Captain Ben **Pong** for Low Net Serving Member, Terry **Killam** for Longest Drive and finally but not least, Shane **Michaloski** for Closest to the Pin. The scores were checked and re-checked by that fine team of Stan **Conway**, Ken **Moyes**, Joe **Bush** and Ken **Olcohowy**. Good job guys.

Things do not happen on there own. Special thanks to Dave's Surplus, Rivers Reach Pub, the New Westminster Police Association, Ted **Usher**, Len **Wohlgemuth** and Williams Moving and Storage for the financial assistance and prizes that were for the taking.

Next year the golf tournament will be held once more at the Maple Ridge Golf Course. Yes it's true it's because I live near by. Clearer instructions and if need be, pictures will be included (Mark **Nanka**), if we can get more of us out next year. So keep an eye out for the Groundsheet as May 2004 approaches. The Melfa Golf tournament committee member...me... would like to thank all of you who assisted with the organizing and to all of those who came out to make it the great day it was. Well done! For those who don't golf (like Herb **Brown**)..come out!! See you next year.

(Ret.) WO. Bruce Howells CD

THE MUSEUM

The Museum Staff has had a very busy two years. It's wonderful what can be accomplished when your volunteer staff grows. Lila **Wood** joined us and took on cleaning up the office area in the Museum itself. She has done a wonderful job and the place is neat and with the addition of a computer we are up to date. Basil **Morgan** has been able to catch up with our acquisitions and we are in really good shape and ready for any new items.

The archives were about five years behind in their filing when a new Volunteer, Betty **Gomes** joined us and took on the project and has just completed putting the Archives in first class shape. All the items have been put in their place and it's easier and possible to find everything.

The same happened in our downstairs storage area. The basement area was revamped when the 22 Range was removed. We were given some additional space and Volunteer Fred **Deighton** went into this very messy area and totally redid

and re-catalogued the entire collection there. It really looks first class now and as in the Archives, it is much easier to find and control the items.

Fred also took on the task of re-photographing and re-recording our Silver Collection. It had been done many years ago but has now been brought up to date and this valuable collection is now secure.

Jack **Fournier** has been working hard to get our catalogue cards on to the Army's new computer program. It is a long and demanding process and our second computer is being worked very hard.

We have three special projects under way at the present time. The first is the refurbishing of the two 24 pounder howitzers brought to the unit in 1865 and were used by our Seymour Battery. They were down at the Westminster Quay and in dreadful shape. They are coming along pretty well. It's hard to find craftsmen who can do this type of work but we were lucky and found Brady **Foster**, a Restorer from the Burnaby Mu-

The hard working volunteers of the Museum. These are the people that keep the place operating. (l to r) Herb HAMM, Fred DEIGHTON, Fred WILKS, Lila WOOD, Basil MORGAN. (28 Aug 03)





seum. We hope they will be ready to be placed in front of the City Hall during their 50th Anniversary Celebrations in October/November this year. It is planned that they will be placed by the Cenotaph and will be tangible evidence of this period of the Regiment's history in the City. Jack **Fournier** and Herb **Hamm** are heading this project.

The second project is our Book of Memory to those who gave their lives during WWI and WWII. The research took about a year and a half and was done by our late Volunteer George **Challenor** and put together by Jean **Hamm**. Clint **Davies** of Xerox is doing the printing and Fay **Boyland** of the New Westminster Museum did the art work The Memorial Book should be ready for display in the Museum this Remembrance Day. I'm sure you all will be proud of this tribute to our Fallen Comrades.

Now that our other areas have been revamped, we are able to start to work on the Museum itself. Our first area to be redone is our Medals display. Fred **Wilks** and Fred **Deighton** have taken on this project. They have gone through all the medals donated to us and are having them remounted in a standard format. The Volunteer crew revamped the display cases, Fred

West upgraded the lighting fixtures and the team are now working on the display itself. We believe this is one of the best ways to recognize individuals contributions and if anyone wants more information about this project please give us a call.

The new Gun Registration laws have caused us much work and we are still working on this. Our Volunteer, Terry **Oliver** is a great help in getting this area under control and we hope everything will be done soon. We are also planning to photograph this collection as we did our Silver Collection and do a more complete history.

We've had lots help and support from people who respect the Regiment. The Regiment personnel, both the permanent Day Staff and Reservists have been very generous with assistance and have made our job easier. We also must give thanks to Jacqueline **O'Donnell** of the City Museum and Colin **Stevens** of the Burnaby Museum for their gracious support.

So you'll see lots going on and your friendly Museum Volunteers would be very happy if you would visit us. We are dedicated to preserving our Regimental history for future generations and would be glad of any constructive criticism and/ or help.



D Coy Association

On August 18/03 a meeting was held in Chilliwack that was attended by John McConnell, Hugh Shannon and Fred West to wind down the 'D Coy Association'. The D Coy Association was made up of people who joined D Coy in Chilliwack in 939. A variety of meetings were held over the years and a resolution was made at an early meeting to provide a flask (filled with brandy) that would be passed around at each annual meeting. The meeting was usually held during picnics at the Circle Ranch in Columbia Valley where all members of the Royal Westminster Regiment were invited to attend. And many did! At each annual meeting it was also brought to the attention of the members of the demise of any member and the name was to be inscribed on the flask. The last survivor was to be given permanent possession of the flask. The membership has dwindled over the years and there are only five of the originals remaining. The ages are 91,85,84,84 and 83. It was decided at the meeting held to wind down the Association, that it was time to discontinue activities due to age and health condition of those remaining members. It was also decided that the appropriate place for the flask to repose would be at the City of Chilliwack Museum. We also provided \$300 in order to add several names of those that had not been added and including the remaining members. We also decided to make a donation of the remaining funds to the Regimental Museum in the Armouries in New Westminster. The amount of the donation is \$900.45. I thank the D Coy Association and also say the donation is very much appreciated and will be put to good use. "We Will Remember Them".

Regards, Fred West, Museum Treasurer

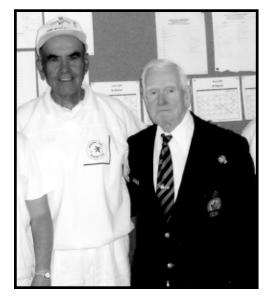


Here is a photograph of the inside of the museum looking at the diorama and another display case.

Who's Been Writing Us?

Nice letter received from Fred Duthie of New Westminster. Fred had to write to me (Ted Usher) about my grandfather, Jack Usher. Fred was a HQ driver just like Jack Usher was. Jack was Colonel 'Little Joe' Sager's driver. They were at a camp in Pipping Park and the Colonel had given Jack an earful for not stopping fast enough when the CO wanted to have a look at the troops training in the field next to the road. The next time when the CO yelled "STOP", Jack slammed on the brakes and the car spun out on the muddy road doing two and on half revolutions. Both Jack and the CO sat quietly for a second when the CO spoke up and said "Another half turn and we would have made it!" Thanks very much for that memory Fred. I never new my grandfather but I have many stories to remember him. Thanks also for your 'second' life membership.

Letter from Len **Bailey** of Nanaimo. Len tells us how he travelled to Powell River in June to attend a lawn bowling tournament. On the final day the awards were presented by a Legion member. Len says that afterwards he approached this Legion member and asked him his name and what regiment he served with. The fella replies



Len Bailey and Joe DeWynter

"Ernest (Joe) **Dewynter** of #1 Platoon, A Company of the Westminster Regiment." Len was so surprised he replied "BS". Len and Joe spoke with each other and talked about their meeting after 57 years. Apparently the crowd applauded the reunion. Joe and Len were station in a small town called Ousterwalde near Groningen Holland. Great letter Len and thanks for the photograph. I hope you didn't mind me trimming it down.

Remembrance Day 2003

This years Remembrance Day will have an overflow area in the Queens Ave. Church across the street from the Armoury. Last year, as in previous years, the Armoury is getting to crowded and the potential for problems if a quick evacuation is needed. So arrive early or you will be directed to the church. The service starts at 10 AM sharp! The doors will close at about 9:50. Plans are being made to possibly change the parade format as well. With the new court yard at the cenotaph, we can't get the marching units in place like before. The young groups like cadets and scouts are left out of view near 6th Street. The plan is to possibly have the troops stay up on the road above the cenotaph while having the Legion color party and any veterans enter and stand on the main area at the cenotaph. This may allow better access for wreath layers and allow young people to see what actually takes place. As indicated, this is just an idea at this point.

My Day On The Line (The Kelowna Fire)

0530 comes early no matter where you are. Darkness still hung in the sky and the air was cold. One by one we all forced ourselves into the cold morning air. After we shaved and cleaned up a bit we ate breakfast trying to force as much food into us as possible, it would be a long day. We departed at 0700 as each member wore a bright fire retardant suit, hard hat goggles, gloves, boots, and carrying a tool. We used either a shovel or a hoe/axe called a polanski. The suits promised to be hot so we wore only underwear underneath. We also taped our pant legs to our boots to avoid having something hot find its way up our legs. The ride out was short. We arrived at the staging area and waited for the Workers Compensation Board to clear the area for us to go into. After our wait, we departed and followed a winding road to our area. Our area was fairly large where we had an almost 1km length of fireguard to patrol. Now we knew our task. Our job for the day was to patrol the fireguard keeping an eye out for 'hot spots' or new fires. The patrols were uneventful until about 1300 hours when smoke rose from the ground in dozens of spots. We picked the largest of these 'hotspots' and set to work. We soaked, then dug, soaked and dug. Every time we thought we'd won and flames and smoke would jump up from another spot nearby. The work was hard, wet, hot, and dirty. We sweated, cursed and longed for the day to end. When the day finally drew to a close we were hot, tired, and dirty. It was hard work but well worth our efforts.

Cpl. Mike Major

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·OIC Armoury/RSSO - Capt. Darcy **Wright**

Finally, our training focus this year will concentrate on Domestic Operations. This may include, but is not limited to aid-to-civil power, vital point security, urban search and rescue, earthquake preparedness and disaster relief. More and more, the Reserves are being looked to for assistance to the Canadian public in non-traditional forms or Operations Other Than War vs. traditional Warfighting. This is not new to the Regiment (remember the floods of 48') but is in keeping with the Canadian Army's expertise in Peace Support Operations. It is places like Bosnia, where Canada's contribution to the world has been not only to restore/preserve the peace but restore and maintain infrastructure. To this end. today's Canadian soldier must not only possess skill-at-arms, but is now being called on to liase with civilian authorities, at home and abroad, in time of need.

I am justly proud of the members of this Regiment who continue to prove themselves not only as first-class soldiers, but whose tireless dedication serves as a fine example to Canadians from all walks of life! Pro Rege et Patria,

G.W.J. Richmond Lieutenant Colonel

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Since I am leaving the Presidency but staying on the executive it is nice to know that we have some new members and a solid President. Brian was a sergeant when I joined and rose to the position of RSM. He always provided good leadership and I know the Association is in excellent hands. As my presidency relied on the support of all the members you have my total support Brian. Thanks to All.

Len Wohlgemuth