ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address - Street: _____ City: _____

Province/State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email*: _____

Occupation: _____

*Note: Email is the preferred method of communication. The Association will only use this information for communications relating to the Association and your Membership.

Please select the Membership type and provide information about your Service:

☐ **General Membership.** If you served with, or were attached to, the Royal Westminster Regiment (Battalion), Band, or affiliated Cadet Corps as a CIC Officer, please complete the following:

- ☐ Served in the Battalion or Band - Dates of Service: _____
  Rank: _____ Service Number: _____
- ☐ Attached to the Battalion - Dates of service: _____
  Position: _____
- ☐ CIC Officers – Cadet Corps Number: _____ Dates of Service: _____

☐ **Associate Membership.** Please complete the applicable section:

- ☐ Canadian, Commonwealth & NATO Forces – Dates of Service: _____
  Unit(s): _____ Rank: _____
  Type of Service: _____
- ☐ Service with Affiliated Cadet Corps - Dates of Service: _____
  Name of Affiliated Cadet Corps: _____
- ☐ Descendent of a Member of the 47th Battalion, 131st Battalion, The Westminster Regiment, Royal Westminster Regiment or Royal Westminster Band:
  Name of Member: _____ Service Number: _____
  Dates Served: _____

Please forward this completed application form by mail or by hand to:

The Royal Westminster Regiment Association
The Armoury
530 Queens Avenue
New Westminster, BC V3L 1K3

(or via email to: secretary@royal-westies-assn.ca)

Please include a cheque/money order* payable to: **Royal Westminster Regiment Association**

☐ Annual (renewable in December) = $20.00 **or** ☐ Lifetime = $200.00

[*Online interac/e-transfers are also accepted and can be sent to: treasurer@royal-westies-assn.ca]

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Date submitted Signature of Applicant

v. 14 September 2026

About the Royal Westminster Regiment Association

"Once a Westie always a Westie"

Who We Are

The Association was formed in 1947 by veterans of the Westminster Regiment who wanted to continue the strong bond and comradeship built during the war years. This tradition continues with our *General Membership* now comprising of current and formers members of the Royal Westminster Regiment, including the serving Battalion, the Royal Westminster Regiment Band, and the Regiment's affiliated Cadet Corps. Recently, we have extended *Associate Membership* opportunities to current or former members of Canadian, Commonwealth or NATO Forces and their affiliated Cadet Corps, and direct descendants of Members of the 47th Battalion, 131st Battalion and/or The Westminster Regiment. Our focus is on supporting efforts to preserve the history and heritage of the Royal Westminster Regiment, and engaging with the Regiment to support serving and retired members.

Board of Directors

The Association is governed by a 13-member Board of Directors who are elected at the Annual General Meeting in May. The Board includes representatives from each of the Battalion's three Messes. The Board meets once a month from September to June.

Main Efforts

The Association's main efforts are as follows:

- **Melfa Golf Tournament** – held each year prior to the Melfa Dinner
- **Melfa Dinner** – held in May to commemorate the battle of the crossing of the Melfa River, in Italy, on 24 May 1944 and the award of the Victoria Cross to Major Mahony (pronounced Mah-anee).
- **Barbeques for the Soldiers** – planned for the start and end of the Battalion's training year, and for special events as requested by Association Members
- **Bursaries for Soldiers** – are presented every year at the Melfa Dinner to for up to three serving members of the Battalion in order to assist with the costs of higher education
- **Donation to the Regimental Fund** – is presented each year at the Soldier's Christmas Dinner
- **Donations on Behalf of Bereaved Members** – make to charitable organizations to honour the passing of loved-ones
- **Gift Cards for Celebratory Events** – on occasions such as births and marriages
- **Support of the Poppy Fund** – through purchase of Remembrance Day wreaths and donations
- **Remembrance Day** – Association Members actively participate in Remembrance Day Ceremonies
- **Hyack Parade** – the Association is represented in the annual Hyack Parade in New Westminster

Groundsheet

The Association publishes a quarterly newsletter called "The Groundsheet" to keep members up to date on the Regimental activities of the serving Battalion, Band, affiliated Cadet Corps and Museum, along with news of former members and what the Association is doing.

Member Engagement

All Members of the Association are encouraged to be actively involved in the events and activities described above, and to provide input to the Board on ways to improve how the Association supports its Members.

You can contact the Association anytime by sending an email to: secretary@royal-westies-assn.ca

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