

COLONEL COMMANDANT'S AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016 MESSAGE

Dear friends,

A few activities have happened since my last message:

- a. The RCAC Association Golf Tournament at the Highland Golf Club in Ottawa. More than eighty (80) golfers joined this sponsored event and took an early (0800hrs) "shot gun" start at the first RCAC Association golf outing. As stated previously this event was in no way meant to conflict with the highly successful Henry Sampson Memorial Golf Tournament. The aim was to raise badly needed funds to assist in restoring some RCAC artifacts and memorabilia found in CFB Borden. With much enthusiasm CWO (ret) Clarence Layne planned and orchestrated this highly successful fund raiser. Through his efforts and the generosity of many the event raised \$8000.00. On your behalf I thanked Clarence and his team for a job well done.
- b. Visit of 12 RBC during OP Nanook in Whitehorse, Yukon. I spent three (3) days with members of 12RBC in Whitehorse. As always I was impressed by the professionalism of our young men and women. Although a strictly controlled exercised, the Regiment maintained a close liaison with the locals which proved to be indispensable to the success of the exercise. In my many discussions with the troops it was clearly evident that they enjoyed the experience and looked forward to other such events.



CWO Rondeau (RSM 12RBC) and LCol Landry (CO 12RBC)

I also used this opportunity to spend some time with the MND and other exercise leaders. The Minister was delighted with what he witnessed and spent the majority of his time with the troops. In addition to the official impositions, the MND joined the Regiment for a meal and assisted a promotion ceremony as well as completing with the Regiment in the "20 pushup" Facebook challenge. BGen Mike Nixon Commander of the Northern Region and overall exercise authority was clearly impressed with 12RBC.



I truly enjoyed my visit and was happy to spend some time with our Canadian Rangers. Their contribution to the exercise was indispensable.



Ranger Chuck Hume

- c. Visit with the Colonel Commandant of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps (RAAC). While vacationing in Australia, I took the opportunity to meet with the Director of Armour and the Colonel Commandant of the RAAC. Our meeting took place at the Royal Military College in Canberra. The purpose of this courtesy call was to brief them and solicit their support in providing an Australian participation to our next Worthington Challenge scheduled in 2018. They both were open to pursuing the idea of with the appropriate higher authority. Our discussion also focused on the similarities and the challenges of our Corps. A worthwhile meeting and interesting discussion which I hope to continue in the future.



MGen (ret) Roger Powell, Colonel Commandant Royal Australian Armoured Corps.

As always, I wish you all continued success in all your undertakings and hope that this message has found you well.

Best regards!

Worthy

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Colonel (ret) G. Rousseau
Colonel Commandant
Royal Canadian Armoured Corps

My future activities (not exhaustive):

- a. Corps AGM in Kingston in 12-14 October 2016
- b. Visit with the Windsor Regiment 21-22 October 2016
- c. Western Visit 1-10 November
- d. Preside the change of Appointment of Colonel of the Regiment 12 RBC, 3rd and the 10th of Dec 2016