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65th Annual Reunion 13-14 Sep 2014

- We're in Kentville and Aldershot on 13-14 September of this year. The 65th Annual Reunion Schedule resembles last year's with a Saturday evening banquet and a Sunday AGM and Memorial Service at Borden Hall and the monument in Aldershot.
- However, we've added a few new things to make our Reunion more interesting, memorable, and enjoyable. For instance, a Friday evening barbeque at Borden Hall for anyone interested. Then, on Saturday, we'll have a contingent from *The Atlantic Canadian Military History Association* at the Legion with displays of WWII kit, uniforms, and weapons. Our new Regimental Coin will be ready for issue to members in good standing. Our kitshop will have some new items including copies of our newly reprinted *West Novas*, the Regimental history. Plus, there will be a Change of Appointment in Aldershot for the RSM on Saturday afternoon.
- These are some of the changes we've planned to provide a better reunion experience for our members. If you have any ideas, please let us know through some of the many means we now have; such as the West Nova Scotia Regiment Facebook Group of 387 members, the Regimental Association page on Facebook, or the section of the West Nova page on the web dedicated to the Regimental Association. We're looking for more interested people to join the Group, Like the page, and visit the West Nova Website.
- If you're not a Regimental Association member, you can join by completing the application at www.wnsr.ca and sending it to the Secretary with your annual dues. You can also fill the form in online and pay your dues with PayPal. If you are a member, we encourage you to pay your annual dues online now at www.wnsr.ca/ra/docs where it says JOIN THE WEST NSR ASSOCIATION



Reprinted Regimental History

- With the support of some financial backers from your ranks, we were to reprint the Regimental history, *West Novas: a history of the West Nova Scotia Regiment*, by the famous Canadian author, Thomas H. Raddall. Last year, a number of people requested copies, and Garry Randall took the initiative to make it happen.
- Now, 300 copies are being printed this month, and the Unit is buying 150. Also, 25 copies will be signed by about 10 WNSR COs and six RSMs. Books are \$30 unsigned and \$40 signed. You'll be able to purchase books online, and a \$16 charge for shipping and handling will get it right to your door. Signed copies will not be sold online until after the Reunion. If you want a copy, you can pick one up at the Reunion or pre-order online at www.wnsr.ca/ra.



Annual Army Cadet Reviews



This year, your Regimental Association had WNSRRA representatives at the ACR (Annual Ceremonial Review) of each of our five affiliated RCAC Corps. The parades were well organized and attended, and the cadets performed to a very high standard, demonstrating pride in the knowledge and skills they have acquired over the past training year.

You should know that these young Canadians who wear your cap badge and shoulder flashes are doing an excellent job representing your Regiment. At all of the parades, there were numerous awards and promotions following a year of interesting and exciting training. The many positive benefits of training in a cadet corps can be seen in all aspects of a cadet's life. Parents and teachers agree that being in cadets creates a very positive influence in the lives of these young people, and the cadets fully enjoy it.

The Cadet Movement is an extremely worthwhile organization which deserves our attention and support. If you have a child or grandchild who you think might benefit from being a cadet, make the suggestion and help them sign up. The Cadet Movement relies, in large part, on word of mouth to pass on the benefits of this free service to Canadian Youth.

In Memory of Lieutenant-Colonel Daniel R Bobbitt, CD

On 21 May 2014, LCol Dan Bobbitt, Commanding Officer - 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, died tragically in a training accident at CFB Wainwright AB. LCol Bobbitt was a veteran of the War in Afghanistan and a former West Nova. He was the beloved husband of Monica Bobbitt (nee Ward). Loved and cherished father of Connor, Elizabeth and Katherine. Dear son of LCol (Ret) John and Maureen (nee Lowe) Bobbitt West NSR, RCR, Cornwallis NS. Dear brother of Capt. Mike Bobbitt (Annette) West NSR. Port Williams NS. Sadly missed by his nieces and nephew Sarah, Max and Rachel. Son-in-law of Robert and Hazel (nee Zinck) Ward and brother-in-law of Gregory, Shawn and James Ward all of Kentville NS. Dan is also sadly missed by those who knew and served with him. He was an officer of exemplary character and a true friend to all. Taken too soon, he died in the service of his country. The members of the WNSRRA regret this terrible loss and offer our sympathy to the family.



Regimental Association Kit

E-mail bertf@eastlink.ca and put RA Kitshop in the subject line



- Just so we can get some idea of what to plan for, please send us an e-mail to say how many of each item and what size you'll need. This would be very helpful as we can't hold a large amount of stock. E-mail bertf@eastlink.ca and put RA Kitshop in the subject line

- The Unit Regimental Kitshop has informed us that they will have a supply of hat badges, Regimental ties, and blazer crests.



- We'll also have mugs, pens, lapel pins, T-shirts, and golf shirts
- Newly printed copies of the Regimental History

- In the future, we' like to have a small online catalogue for Regimental Kit at www.wnsr.ca/ra so members could order kit throughout the year and get their kit in the mail. In order to make this successful, we need to know what to order. Don't be shy with any suggestions.



Please let us know that you're coming to the Reunion

In order for us to be prepared to provide you with the best of service at the Reunion, we need to know how many will be attending each of the events.

We have set up an RSVP button on the Association page at www.wnsr.ca/2014reunion. Please click on the button marked **RSVP** to tell us Your name and how many in your group will be attending the Friday Night Bar-b-que, the Saturday Banquet, the Legion Dance or the Borden Hall Social (Sat evening). It's a very easy task, and it would be very helpful if you did that before 1 Sep. Why not do it right now if you know you're coming anyway.

Important Changes to the WNSRRA Constitution

You have a Vote -- Notice of Motion

Our Regimental Association is changing, and our Constitution must change to keep up with the times. This is part of our recent membership initiative to give strength to our association. You are part of the process to decide how we do that. Our new newsletter, our Regimental Coin, the re-printing of our Regimental History; these are all part of the plan to grow our numbers to create a stronger association.

To make changes to the Constitution, we must follow a process so that the majority of members have the opportunity to voice their opinions or cast their vote on these important matters.

The proposed changes must be presented to all members in advance. That is the purpose of this Notice of Motion. There are five items on which to vote - wording in the Heading and wording in four paragraphs. They will be discussed and voted upon at the Annual General Meeting during the Reunion in September. Members who are not attending the Reunion may make their opinions known by sending in a "write-in" vote explained at the end of this article. A copy of the WNSRRA Constitution can be found at <http://wnsr.ca/docs/WNSR%20constitution%20scan.pdf> The proposed changes have been reviewed by the Regimental Association Executive and are in *Italics* and **highlighted** in the excerpts that follow.

Heading

The first item is intended to clarify the language in the Constitution. When first formed, the WNSRRA had no female members. That has changed and so we need to change the Constitution.

Male pronouns are used throughout this document to indicate members of both genders.

Para 4 refers to membership and we intend to expand our membership to include all members of the Regimental Family to strengthen the Association well into the 21st Century.

4. Membership

A. The following are eligible for membership in the RA:

Change "membership" to "Ordinary Membership"

- (1) 1st Battalion - CAASF
- (2) 2nd Battalion- NPAM (Reserve)
- (3) 3rd Battalion- CAASF (Pacific Force)
- (4) Post World War Two Reserve, Militia, Ex- Members of The Regiment,
- (5) Serving Members of The Regiment,
- (6) Members of other arms or services who were or are attached to The Regiment,

Add (7) Serving and former members of the Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC) who have served with WNSR affiliated Cadet Corps

Add (8) Former Cadets who have served with WNSR affiliated Cadet Corps,

- (7) From time to time prominent citizens and members of other armed forces may be accepted as honorary members,

Change (7) to 4 B and change "honorary members" to "Honorary Members"

Add new 4 C as follows: "A person may apply for Associate Membership if he or she is the parent, spouse, widow/er, sibling, child, grandchild, or niece / nephew of a person who is/was eligible for Ordinary Membership and is a Canadian Citizen, Commonwealth subject, or citizen of a NATO country."

- (8) All memberships are subject to the approval of the Executive.

Change (8) to 4 D

Para 5 refers to Life Membership The text about Life Membership in the current online Constitution is inaccurate. They were amended in 2007 to disallow Life Membership. It has since been reconsidered to allow for exceptional individuals to be allowed Life Membership as in many other organizations large and small.

5. Life-Membership

Life Membership may be extended to individuals whom the Executive unanimously determine possess extra-special merit.

Para 6 refers to Administration. The office of Vice-President has been omitted, and believe it or not, it takes all of the changes below to fix it.

6. Administration

A. The Association shall be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of an Executive and an Executive Council as follows:

(1) Executive - The Executive shall consist of the:

- (a) Honorary Colonel, Ex-Officio,
- (b) Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, Ex-Officio,
- (c) Immediate Past President,
- (d) President,
- (e) Secretary,
- (f) Treasurer,

(2) A (1) (d), (e) and (f) elected for a term of three (3) years at an Annual General Meeting,

(3) Executive Council Members shall be known as Directors and will be appointed by the Executive as recommended by the Memory Clubs, and where Memory Clubs are non-existent the Executive Committee may appoint independent council members.

Change A. (1) (e) to "Vice President" from "Secretary"

Change A. (1) (f) to "Secretary" from "Treasurer"

Add A. (1) (g) "Treasurer"

Change (2) from " A (1) (d), (e) and (f)" to "A. (1) (d) (e),(f) and (g)"

Para 9 refers to Meetings and Reunion. This is simply an error in numbering the sub paragraphs.

9. Meetings and Reunion

Sub-sub paras in para 9 should be renumbered (a) (b) (c) vice (i) (ii) or (A) (B) (C)

These are the instructions for a "Write-In" Ballot:

The "Write-In" ballot is ONLY for use by paid up WNSRRA members who will not be attending the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Aldershot 14 Sep 2014. You can vote by completing the "Write-In Ballot below by placing a checkmark in the appropriate box. If there is a motion on which you do not wish to vote, put a straight horizontal line through both boxes.

This is not a secret ballot; motions are voted on in an open meeting at the AGM. Your name and signature are only required to ensure that this is the only vote cast in your name.

When the ballot is completed, mail it to WNSRRA Secretary, PO Box 6, Paradise, NS, B0S 1R0.

If you are paying your Annual Dues at this time, you can include payment in the same envelope.

Votes must be received by **1 September 2014**.

✂----- Cut along this line -----

Write-In Ballot for Changes to the WNSRRA Constitution at AGM 14 Sep 2014 in Aldershot		
	YES	NO
I agree with the proposed changes in the Heading:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I agree with the proposed changes in Para 4:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I agree with the proposed changes in Para 5:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I agree with the proposed changes in Para 6:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I agree with the proposed changes in Para 9:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____		
I have included my Annual Dues for the current year. Yes ___ No ___		

Reunion Schedule

WNSRRA 65th Annual Reunion Kentville and 5 Cdn Div TC Det Aldershot - 13-14 September 2014

Registration Royal Canadian Legion Br. 006 Sat 13 Sep 0930-1200 and 1300-1600
 36 River St, Kentville - 678-8935 Bar will be open for general get-together
 Borden Hall, Camp Aldershot Sun 14 Sep 0830-0930

Fees Annual Dues\$30 These fees can be paid online
 Registration for Members..... \$20 at *Reunion 2014* on www.wnsr.ca
 Member's spouse or Guest....\$20 by Paypal, using a credit card, or
 WNSR Widows.....No Charge debit card

*** Please let us know you're coming by sending **RSVP** online ***
 Before 1 September -- www.wnsr.ca/reunion2014

Time	Activity	Place and Details
Friday - 12 Sep		
1900-2200	Barbeque and Social Hour	Borden Hall, Aldershot (Open bar, food costs extra)
Saturday - 13 Sep		
0930-1200 1300-1600	Registration and general get-together	Kentville RCL Br. 006 Pick up nametags, membership cards, and Regimental Coins Check out the Regimental Kitshop Legion bar will be available for socialization
1800-1930	Reunion Banquet	Legion Main Hall - Roast beef dinner Bar will be available 1700-1930 Guest Speaker: Kelly W. Hancock, CD
1930-2359	Social time	Borden Hall or Legion Dance (<i>State preference in RSVP no later than 1 September</i>)
Sunday - 14 Sep		
0830-0930	Registration	Borden Hall, Aldershot Kitshop open - Coffee available
0930-1045	Annual General Meeting	Borden Hall, Aldershot All members are encouraged to attend
1100-1130	Memorial Service	WNSR Memorial - Aldershot WNSR, complete with Colour Party, expected to attend
1130-departure	Happy Hour and Farewell	Borden Hall, Aldershot Sandwiches, sweets, tea/coffee available Bar will be open 1130-1330

**Have a good Reunion
and
Travel safe**

Reunion Committee
 Ron Stonier - Bill Goodwin - Bert Fitzgerald
 Peter Bailey - Garry Randall

**Please remember to RSVP at <http://www.wnsr.ca/2014reunion>
before 1 September**
You can also pay dues and registration in advance through PayPal.

Stay Overnight at Aldershot

Limited accommodation may be available at Aldershot on a first-come first-served basis. To book a room, please call Garry Randall at 902-678-6899. Payment must be made in cash or cheque on the reunion weekend.

Accommodations in the Kentville Area		
Name and Address	Phone/e-mail	Rates per night (Tax not included)
Wickwire House Bed & Breakfast 183 Main St., Kentville	902-679-1188 information@the-wickwire.ca	Couple for \$95 http://www.the-wickwire.ca/
Sun Valley Motel 843 Park St., Kentville	902-678-7368 sunvalley.motel@ns.aliantzinc.ca	1 or 2 people at \$79.95 (Senior Discount 10%)
Grand Street Inn Bed & Breakfast 160 Main St., Kentville	902-679-1991 grandstreetinn@eastlink.ca	\$85-120 www.grandstreetin.com
Allen's Motel Limited 384 Park St., Kentville	902-678-2683 allensmotel@ns.sympatico.ca	\$74-160 (CAA and Seniors Discount) www.allensmotel.ca
Slumber Inn 5534 Prospect Rd., New Minas	902-681-5000 or 1-800-914-5005 www.slumberinn.ca	Queen - \$112 to 122 2 Singles - \$117 to 127
Silver Shoe Bed & Breakfast 1221 Hwy 341, Centreville	902-679-6400 or 1-800-362-1566 info@silvershoebedandbreakfast.com	\$119-139 (10% discount for WNSRRA) www.silvershoebedandbreakfast.com
Old Orchard Inn Resort and Spa 153 Greenwich Rd South, Wolfville	902-542-5751 or 1-800-561-8090 reservations@oldorchardinn.ns.ca	\$139-166 Seniors (55+) Discount available
Delft Haus Bed & Breakfast 1942 Hwy 359, Centreville	902-678-4333 or 1-800-851-4333 info@delfthaus.com	\$145-160 and \$109 www.delfthaus.com
Victoria's Historic Inn 600 Main St., Wolfville	902-542-5744 or 1-800-556-5744 stay@victoriasinn.com	\$103 - \$135 Ask Claire for Military Appreciation Rate
In Wolfville Luxury Bed & Breakfast 56 Main St., Wolfville	1-888-542-0400 inwolfvillebb@eastlink.ca	\$139-159 www.inwolfville.ns.ca
Gaspereau Valley Bed & Breakfast 920 Gaspereau River Rd, RR3, Wolfville	902-542-2854 or 902-670-9812 info@gaspereau.ca	\$90
Evangeline Inn Bed & Breakfast 11668 Hwy 1, Grand Pré	902-542-2703 or 1-888-542-2703 Reservations@evangeline.ns.ca	\$109-139

The Regimental Coin - 2014

There are two versions of the 2014 Regimental Coin - the WNSR Memorial Coin and the WNSR Cadet Coin. Both have the Regimental cap badge on the front. The back of the Memorial Coin shows the Regimental Monument in Aldershot with two cap badges, the Annapolis Regiment and the Lunenburg Regiment (not 4 as shown). Below the monument will be the particulars of one of the 359 WNSR soldiers and officers who died overseas during WWII **or** it will have a three digit serial number and a blank space for you to inscribe the particulars of a WNSR relative or friend who has died, in which case, you will have the inscription done yourself. The back of the Cadet Coin shows the names and numbers of all five WNSR affiliated RCAC Corps with a window for inscription for presentation.

Each member of the WNSRRA whose annual dues are paid will receive a Regimental Coin when registering at the 2014 Reunion. Other paid up members will receive their coins in the mail after the reunion. New members will receive a coin when their applications are approved and their annual dues are paid.



Memorial to WNSR in Woldingham, Surrey, UK

The Appeal Committee of the Village of Woldingham, Surrey, England has begun a project to build a permanent Memorial in the Surrey Village where so many Canadian Troops were billeted in WW2. They have already received small, but heart-felt, donations from the widows of two of our comrades both of whom were married in the Church in front of where the new Memorial is to stand.

The design incorporates the cap badges, or a Canadian Forces Maple Leaf, carved onto the ends of the main memorial block. In the web site illustrations these badges, the other being the Middlesex Regt who were there in WW1, were shown on separate plinths which have now been dropped from the design. The Middlesex Association has already contributed the £2000 needed to carve the badge.

If anyone wishes to support this worthy project, you can do so by contacting the Appeals Chairman, Peter Johnson and obtaining more information at: www.woldingham-memorial.co.uk.