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~ Newsletter of Hamilton Division - Winter

GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION AT NIAGARA COLLEGE

Niagara College Commissionaires recently had the honour of being involved in the security operation associated with the visit of Prime Minister Stephen

Harper who participated in the groundbreaking of the Applied Health Institute at Niagara College that received federal and provincial funding totaling \$40 million through the Knowledge Infrastructure Program and Ontario's 2009 Budget. The Applied Health Institute will accommodate key health programs and related community health services in a new integrated facility and create spaces for 1,000 new students each year.



Commissionaire Nina Bonuomo enjoys a moment with Prime Minister The Right Honourable Steven Harper during his recent visit to Niagara College.

Commissionaires of the Niagara College detachment provided their usual outstanding service dedicated to the safety and security of students, staff and faculty along with special duties related specifically to the PM's visit. Niagara's Campus Watch Program provided a special detail of security that highlighted the professionalism and excellence of the College's Police Foundations/Law and Security Administration program.

The ability of the Commissionaires to work seamlessly with the staff and students of the program ensured a positive result and highlighted the quick integration of the Corps at the College and the cooperation evidenced by both organizations working for a common goal. As an additional note to this cooperation we are pleased to report that Major John Livingstone, CD Director of

Operations for Commissionaires Hamilton has been selected as a member of the Niagara College Police Foundations/Law and Security Administration Program Advisory Committee.

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Veteran Commissionaires Retire

Three veteran members of Hamilton Division have left us recently to enjoy well deserved retirement.

Comm. Florine (Flo) Cove who recently received her Long Service medal from Cdr. Fred Lee, served in the RCAF in the 1950's. In 1963 Flo began her career as an operating room nurse at Henderson General Hospital. She joined Hamilton Division in 1996. We expect that Flo will divide her time equally with her grandchildren and riding her horse in Freelton.



Comm. Marcel LeMaitre, who recently received the 17 year bar to his Long Service medal from Cdr. Fred Lee, has retired. He served in the Canadian Army, militia and regular, from 1956 to 1964

Marcel joined Hamilton division in 1992 and served in Revenue Canada in the Federal Building.

Comm. Roy Reid (shown on page 8 receiving his Long Service medal from LCol. Paul Garrick) served in the RCAF from 1954 to 1959. He joined Hamilton Division in September 1997 at the Canada Revenue Centre.

We wish all veteran members a long and happy retirement.

Promotions

To the rank of Sergeant:

Cpl. Adam Hawman: Brock University

Comm. Barbara Davis: TDL Group, Oakville

ID Cards

Our message about new ID cards in the previous edition got a great response. If you still do not have a new-style ID card advise your supervisor so that we can arrange for an updated photo and new card.

Commandant's Christmas Message

As we have just passed the middle of our fiscal year I can tell everyone that we are continuing along the right path. We have a few more Commissionaires as a result of picking up a security contract at Niagara College and all our other business sites are busy. You individual Commissionaires, no matter where you may be working are making a success of our operations. We are still part of the largest security company in Canada when the total numbers for all 17 Divisions across Canada are taken into consideration. At this time in the year it seemed appropriate to thank each and every one of you for your work and dedication. You are assisted and backed up by a hard working Staff in the Head Office and a dedicated and interested Board of Governors.

At this time of year also I would like to extend to each of you the very best wishes for the coming holiday season.

Brigadier General Len Salmon, CD Retires

Brigadier General Salmon has retired from Board of Governors after 20 years of service. Born and educated in Hamilton he served for the next 57 years in the military primarily as an officer with the Royal Canadian Artillery. BGen. Salmon rose through the ranks to become Commanding Officer of both 56 and 57 Field Regiments. As a colonel he commanded Hamilton Militia District and, in 1982 was promoted to Brigadier General and appointed Commander of Central Militia Area.

BGen. Salmon is a Past President of the Royal Niagara Military Institute and a Past President and current member of the Royal Canadian Artillery Association. He is also a member of the Probus Club of St. Catharines.

In England, in 2000, BGen. Salmon was invested as a Knight Grand Cross (GCKS) in the Religious and Military Order of the Knights of St. Catherine of Sinai.



Ken Brady Gets 'Major' Promotion

Administration Manager Ken Brady has been promoted to the rank of Major by the Canadian Forces and appointed a Regional Cadet Advisor for Western Ontario Area. Duties include visiting cadet units to act as advisor and mentor for officers in the Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC.) He also serves on the CIC Branch Advisory Council for Ontario.

Following a 20 year career in the regular forces Ken has served the past ten years in the CF Primary Reserve as a CIC officer. Until recently he commanded the 1626 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps in Grimsby. Congratulations to Major Brady.

As a Private Pilot he enjoys membership in the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association and is a former manager of the St. Catharines Flying Club.

During his 20 year service with the of Commissionaires BGen. Salmon held all positions except treasurer. He has been awarded the Commissionaires Long Service Medal as well as The Distinguished Service Medal. At the recent awards banquet BGen. Salmon was awarded a commemorative plaque by Board Chairmen LCol. Paul Garrick. Our best wishes to BGen. Salmon and his wife Lola for a long and healthy retirement.

Commissionaires Hamilton; The Originals ~ Bill McBride, Editor

It was a sad consequence of the explosion and fire that destroyed our offices in 1997 that all but a few of our historical documents and photographs were lost forever. Almost nothing remains that tells the story of Commissionaires Hamilton prior to that time. Happily there is one photo that does exist; likely the very first ever taken of our original members. Shown in full dress uniform with medals, on the front steps of City Hall, Hamilton's first Commissionaires were veterans of the Great War. While we know almost nothing of them as individuals we are able to tell you something about one of them. Commissionaire William Tourtel (back row left) was born in Guernsey England on April 26, 1892. He came to Canada near the turn of the century and lived with his mother on Tisdale Street. Bill



Tourtel was employed as a shipper when he joined the Active Militia, The 91st Canadian Highlanders. Not much is known about his WW1 record. We do know that



following his wartime service he returned to Hamilton and married. His son William Tourtel Jr. was born in 1926. Comm. Tourtel passed away in 1941. Bill Tourtel Jr. was a pilot and flying instructor for decades and, now in his 80's, was very helpful in providing a few details as well as this rather 'grainy' photograph of his father.

There is at least one other 'original' we hope to be able to profile in a later edition.

URGENT MESSAGE FOR ALL COMMISSIONAIRES

In order to streamline the process of distributing information we are asking for your email address. It will be kept "in-house" and not given to anyone outside of Commissionaires HQ.

Please send to: admo@bellnet.ca

Remembrance Week Ceremonies ~ Editor

The tradition began 90 years ago in 1919. On the eleventh of November of that first year since the end of the “war to end all wars” people paused and remembered the great sacrifice of the over 60,000 Canadians who had died in the cause of peace and freedom in that terrible conflict. Decades later the tradition continues as every year millions of Canadians in hundreds of towns and cities across the land gather at cenotaphs, churches, Legion halls and other venues to pay their respects to those who stepped forward in the time of peril. Since 1919 our forces have fought the “good fight” in countless conflicts, police actions, and peacekeeping deployments. Canadians have died and we have paused to remember. It has not always been that way. In the 1960’s and 1970’s, in the Vietnam era, anti-war sentiments were confused with the idea of appropriate remembrance to the end that only veterans and service people attended 11th of November ceremonies. Happily, all that seems to have changed as lately Canadians of all ages flock to their local sites to participate in services of remembrance.



Maj. John Livingstone and Cdr. Fred Lee prepare to lay a wreath on behalf of Commissionaires at the Cenotaph in Hamilton

Perhaps it is Canada’s contribution to the War in Afghanistan, the fact that we have lost so many young lives in that far-away place, that we are mindful of the need to honour those who serve. Whatever the reason attendance at remembrance events across Canada is at record levels.

Of course Commissionaires in Hamilton Division often take a leading role in local events. Our members organize remembrance ceremonies, serve in colour parties, march in parades, take salutes, lay wreaths and carry out many other meaningful duties.



Two Commissionaires, who are very active in such events throughout the year, are shown in the photo at left. **Commissionaire Cpl. Les Jarvis**, Niagara Falls City Hall Security (sash) and **WO John Mcpherson, CD**, Detachment Commander Niagara Falls By-law, lead members of Unit 44 of The Canadian Corps in the Remembrance Day Parade in Thorold.



Your editor (right) had the honour to join WW2 RCAF veteran Ken Lenz and Hamilton Mayor Fred Eisenberger as the Saluting Officer at the annual Garrison Parade on Sunday, November 8th.

Commissionaires Hamilton Welcomes New Board Members

Colonel Gary Burton, CD

Colonel Gary Burton, CD is a native of Halifax Nova Scotia who first donned a military uniform as a cadet in the Erin High School Cadet Corps in 1958. In 1961 he joined the 16th Battery, 11th Field Artillery as a gunner and served continuously with the Royal Canadian artillery through the remainder of his military career. He was commissioned in 1967 and subsequently promoted to Major and appointed Battery Commander, 29th Battery in 1973. In February 1980, following an attachment to Hamilton Militia District He was promoted Lieutenant Colonel and appointed Commanding Officer 11th Field Regiment RCA.

LCol. Burton attended the NATO Reserve Officers Course in Rome Italy in 1989 following which he was promoted to Colonel and appointed Commander of Hamilton Militia District, a post he held until his retirement in 1993. He has subsequently held the positions of Honourary Lieutenant Colonel and Honourary Colonel of 11th Field Regiment.

Col. Burton has been awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) as well as the Canada 125 and Queen's Golden Jubilee Medals. He was awarded the Mobile Command Achievement Award and is a qualified military parachutist.

In civilian life Col. Burton is the sales director of the Steel Division of Foseco Canada Inc. of Guelph. He is an active member of several business and military associations.

Col. Burton and his wife Marilyn reside in Guelph where they have four grown children and two grandchildren.

LCol. Michael D. McKay, CD, AdeC

LCol. Michael D. McKay, CD, AdeC is a native of Kitchener who joined the 29th Battery of the 11th Field Artillery as a gunner in April 1965. Following successful completion of a number of qualifying courses he was accepted for officer training and was commissioned in September of 1968. LCol. McKay served as Gun Position Officer with Allied Command Europe Mobile Force on attachment in Germany. Promoted to major in 1978 he was appointed Commander of the 16th Battery RCA. He attended the Militia Staff College in July 1986 and in December of that year was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and appointed Commanding Officer, 11th Field Regiment RCA. In 1990 LCol. McKay transferred to FMC HQ (Army Headquarters) St. Hubert, Quebec where he served as Senior Staff Officer Reserve Operations. He retired from active military service in 1994.

In 1982 LCol. McKay was appointed Aide de Camp by the then Lieutenant Governor John Black Aird. a position he has continued to hold for each successive Lieutenant Governor to the present day.

In civilian life LCol. McKay commenced his business career working as a process development engineer. He is currently the President and CEO of MDM Insurance Services Inc. Active in a variety of professional associations LCol. McKay is was elected Chairman of the Health Industry Electric Commerce Association for 2006-07. Along with his CD he was awarded the Canada 125 and Queen's Golden Jubilee Medals and, in 2006, was voted Guelph's Citizens of the Year. In 2006 he was appointed Hon. LCol. 11th Field Regiment.

LCol. McKay resides in Guelph and has two adult daughters and three grandchildren.

Adjusting to Winter Conditions ~ Ontario Ministry of Transportation

Ontario winters are challenging for motorists. Safety is a top priority of the Ministry of Transportation. Every effort is made to make highways safe and to provide efficient winter maintenance service for the public.

Weather conditions can be unpredictable, placing extra demands on your vehicle and your driving skills. Ensure you are well prepared for winter roads and always adjust your driving speed to existing conditions.

Preparing for Driving in Winter

Stay alert, slow down, and stay in control — the three key elements of safe winter driving.

Drive according to highway and weather conditions. Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you to avoid situations where you may have to brake suddenly on a slippery surface.

Be Prepared — Is Your Vehicle Ready?

Get your vehicle winter-ready with a **maintenance check-up**. Don't wait for winter to have your battery, belts, hoses, radiator, oil, lights, brakes, tires, exhaust system, heater/defroster, wipers, and ignition system checked.

Make sure your vehicle is **mechanically ready** for the rigours of winter. Keep your fuel tank sufficiently full — at least half a tank is recommended.

Make sure you have **sufficient windshield washer fluid** in the reservoir that is rated a minimum of -40°C temperature range. Keep an extra jug in the vehicle.

Clear snow and ice from all windows, lights, mirrors, and the roof. After starting your vehicle, wait for the fog to clear from the interior of the windows so you will have good visibility all around.

Have your tires checked or replaced before winter begins. Remember to check tire air pressure frequently, as it decreases in cold weather.

The condition of your vehicle's tires is important. Worn or damaged tires can hamper your ability to drive safely. For safety reasons, drivers are urged to replace their tires when the tread depth reaches 3mm, rather than wait until the tread no longer meets the legal 1.5 mm requirement.* Alternately, you can also check the manufacturer's wear indicator mark on your tires to see if they need replacing. All tires have tread wear indicators, which are small bars of rubber found between the tread blocks of a tire. When the tread is worn flush with the tread wear indicators, the tire has reached its wear limit and must be replaced as it no longer provides sufficient traction in the rain or snow. **

While regular or "all-season" tires, including wide and high-performance tires, may be adequate in some areas, they may not be suitable for driving in the snow belt regions of southern Ontario and throughout the north. If you live and drive in these areas, consider using winter tires. They improve driving safety by providing better traction, braking and handling during frost, snow, slush, and particularly under icy conditions. Installing four winter tires provides greater control and stability. Never mix tires of different tread, size and construction. Also, consider adding traction control and stability control options when purchasing your next vehicle.

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Maj. J. Livingstone, CD, **CLSM**



Capt. T. Lee, CD, **CLSM**



Maj. B. Nuttall, CD, **CLSM**



Comm. M. Kehoe, **CLSM**



Comm. H. Ottman, **17 yrs**

Commissionaires Receive Long Service Awards

On Thursday, November 12th, eleven members of Commissionaires Hamilton were recognized for their long service at a dinner held in their honour at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club in Ancaster. Seven members received the Commissionaires Long Service Medal (CLSM.) Four members were presented bars to the CLSM for 17 years of service. The awards were presented by LCol. Paul Garrick, CD, Chairman of the Board of Governors.



LCol. G. Frid, CD, **17 yrs**



Comm. R. Reid, **CLSM**



Comm. D. Pedler, **CLSM**



Comm. C. MacKinnon, **17 yrs**



Comm. E.. Lanfranconi, **CLSM**



Comm. A. Poisson, **CLSM**