

**Quebec Region**  
**Annual General Meeting Report**  
**National Convention 2013, Winnipeg MB**

August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Greetings from Quebec Region.

It is with regrets that I am missing this 2013 National Convention in Winnipeg. My thoughts are with you all.

On a personal note, I enjoy good health and I help Marcel to continue a good quality of life since his stroke.

Late August and September we were busy closing our books on the 2011 Convention. Following this, I took time off in France on the Côte d'Azur, Alsace (tasting many of their great wines) and four days in Paris. It was very nice to go away for a change of pace but very good to come back to our comforts of home.

In November, we participated in many Veterans' Week activities and the Armistice Commemoration Ceremonies.

On December 8<sup>th</sup> Quebec Region Veterans, Philip Doddridge, Jean Paul Dallain, Bill MacWhitter, John Duguay, Paul Laflamme and Bob Barter were sharing their thoughts on the "Battle of Hong Kong" and on the announcement of the much needed apology from the Japanese.

Early 2012, we again held our regional executive meeting where reports of the last year we presented and read, plans for the current year were made or confirmed.

The "Call for Elections" was mailed to all members in good standing. The result came in that all current members of the committee were re-elected for another term and the election of a new Deputy Director following the death of our current Deputy Director in late September 2011. Thank you all who took the time to return their ballots.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal to honour Her Majesty for her service to this country and to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians celebrations took place in all Regions to honour our Veterans and Members.

In QC we had a presentation in the East in Cascapedia – St-Jules (New Richmond, QC) on July 6<sup>th</sup> and a second one in Granby on July 14<sup>th</sup> for all others.

Congratulations to all Recipients.

Again, our faithful Hong Kong Veteran, Dempsey Syvret, laid the HKVA wreath in Ottawa for the Commemorative Ceremonies on November 11<sup>th</sup> as well as at the

Memorial Wall. Yours truly laid a wreath in Granby in memory of all Hong Kong Veterans as did many of our members in their community.

2013 the Year of the Korean War Veterans Commemoration marking the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean Armistice. Marcel and I attended a few events, Remembrance, Commemorative Ceremonies and Presentations of the Certificate of Recognition as “Ambassador for Peace” and Medal Ceremonies.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Many Regions including Quebec are suffering a slight decline in membership. We do contact delinquent members with some positive results.

We presently have 9 Veterans, 42 Widows and 73 Regular members for a total 124 members.

A few years ago we made a “Guest Membership” card. Members from other regions showed interest in our activities and liked to receive news from friends. In order to keep the membership numbers accurate, these guest members (renewable annually) are not registered on our membership list but separately. They receive all mailings etc. with the only restriction, they are not voting members. The cost of this “Guest Membership” covers the mailing expenses for the current year.

Welcome to friends interested, just contact the QC Region.

A call to all our members to use the email to receive our notices, news, letters etc. was met by some. (also for the National level) A certain generation tell us they prefer paper as they can pick up at anytime, anywhere and read. We accept their choice.

We do continue to keep our members informed on news in general and from old friends, the sick parade, last post, birthdays and wedding anniversary wishes to those celebrating that special day and some humour mixed in to brighten the day.

On a regular basis, we call as many as possible of our Veterans and Widows for some news or just to talk and try to brighten their day.

Last Post – Since the 2011 Convention we have lost 3 Veterans, 1 Honorary HK Veteran, 8 Widows and 2 Regular Members. We will remember them!

Articles for sale – We, in Quebec Region, have copies of the Royal Rifles of Canada Nominal Rolls and the Royal Rifles of Canada in Hong Kong book by Grant Garneau.

Education – We are doing our best in local areas to educate our young and less young on the Battle of Hong Kong.

Finances – We are holding our own considering our decline in membership, increasing costs of mailings/postage etc. thanks to donations from our members and membership fees.

This is my report at this date. Sorry I cannot read this in person but I do thank Phil Doddridge very sincerely for presenting this report.

We do wish you all a very nice and productive convention with many reunions of old friends and the meeting of new ones.

Safe trip home and take care

Respectively submitted by Lucette Mailloux Muir, Quebec Regional Director.