



735 (Winnipeg) Communications Regiment Signals Association

Newsletter #33

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 8th, 2005 1930hrs.
Location: Minto Armouries Officers Mess

Minutes of last meeting:

The 735 Signal Association executive and members meeting was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 in Minto Armouries.

The following were in attendance: H/LCol Ferguson, Capt Barry, Sgt Brown, LCol Kiz and WO Kennedy
Regrets: Col Zawislak

Minutes of last meeting: Adopted as read by L/Col Kiz, seconded by Capt Barry.

Reports:

LCol Kiz presented the financial report. Current bank balance \$624.76 as of May 31.

Old Business:

- Unit Archives
- 85th Anniversary of Unit
- Plaque for Princess Anne picture

Unit Rep Report:

Our new Unit Rep will be Capt Jackie Bomhoff. Capt Bomhoff is the unit's Ops Officer. She is replacing Capt Weinbender who will be preparing for his posting to Afghanistan.

New Business:

- The Executive welcomed WO Clint Kennedy to the meeting. WO Kennedy served for 21 years with Signals.

Next meeting to be held November 8th, 2005 at 1930 Hrs in the Officer's Mess.

Meeting adjourned at 2030 Hrs.

All Members note:

The Executive of the Association desperately needs your help. At the present time a few members who have held positions for a number of years are handling all of the business and planning for the association. We need members with new ideas to volunteer to hold office or to help out with functions and projects. The commitment is not great; we have only six meetings a year. Please consider volunteering, without member support we may not be able to continue as an organization.

The executive needs to know, your views and your opinions are important. Please contact any member of the executive with your suggestions.

New Honorary Lieutenant Colonel for the Regiment:

On September 27th the Regiment welcomed its new Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Warren Ferguson.

HL/Col. Ferguson took the salute and inspected the parade. He was presented with a framed scroll and he expressed what an honour and privilege it was to be part of Sigs once again. A presentation was also made to his wife, Mollie, -- a beautiful bouquet of roses.

Master of Ceremonies was Sgt. Smith and the photographer was Sgt, Smeets. A reception was later held in the Mess involving all Unit members.

HLCol Ferguson commanded the 10th Independent Signals Squadron in Winnipeg and has served as Staff Officer Signals at the 19 Militia Group Headquarters. It is significant to note that under his command the unit had twice won the Malloch trophy.

HLCol Ferguson has had an outstanding civilian career with the Manitoba Telephone System that complimented his Reserve Service. He had served in various management positions and as an indicator of his professionalism he was appointed Association Vice President of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Col Ferguson is currently the President of the Unit Signals Association and all members congratulate him on his appointment as HLColonel.

Year of the Veteran Celebrations upcoming events:

- Year of the Veteran Community Tattoo MTS Center November 6th at 1330 hrs Enjoy the pageantry, music and displays in honour of our veterans. Tickets \$5.00 and \$6.00 at Ticketmaster.
- The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra will be staging a very special series of concerts to celebrate, honour and remember the sacrifices of our military veterans; and to remind Canadians of the continuing commitment at home and abroad of the serving members of the Canadian Forces. The WSO plans three concerts for November 10th, 12th and 13th at the Winnipeg Centennial Concert Hall.

New Years Day Levee

The Royal Military Institute of Manitoba has taken on the project to revitalize the New Years Day Levee that has been on the decline for the past few years. Capt (N) Barry Burns V/President of RMIM has been appointed OPI. To date a series of meetings have been held with Unit reps and a parade order will be distributed to all units by November 11th.

CO's Corner

Greetings and welcome to the third edition of the Commanding Officer's Corner. The intent of the CO's Corner is to keep 735 (Winnipeg) Communication Regiment Signals Association members informed of the activities of the Regiment.

Over the previous twelve months, the Regiment has continued to operate at a dizzying pace. Within the past year we have had many unit members deployed in support of Canadian Forces operations. Sergeant Parent, Corporal Bruneau, and Corporal Slade returned from supporting the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) / Operation DANACA in the Golan Heights. Captain Bomhoff deployed as part of Operation BOREAS in Bosnia-Herzegovina. As well, Captain Weinbender and Corporal Bilodeau are currently on work-up training in order to deploy on Op ARCHER to Afghanistan in February.

The month of April saw the first unit members depart in support of the Spring/Summer training period to both the Communication Reserve School at CFB Shilo and the Canadian Forces School of Communications and Electronics at CFB Kingston.

In June, 73 Communication Group held a military skills competition, Exercise JIMMY WEST, in Dundurn, Saskatchewan. 735 Communication Regiment was represented by 2Lt Gambin, Cpl Healy, Pte Adleman, Pte Daily, and Pte Petrasanta. Their hard work and concentrated preparation was evident as the team received the bronze medal in the competition.

It was with great pride that we welcomed Honourary Lieutenant Colonel W.J. Ferguson to the unit as the new Honourary Lieutenant Colonel. A parade was held on September 27, 2005 and was well attended by both unit members and members of the Signals Association. As well, on October 4, 2005 the unit celebrated the 102nd birthday of the Communication and Electronics Branch.

Now that the summer is over, the unit has resumed an active training schedule. I invite all members of the Signals Association to join us for the following events throughout the coming year:

- ❖ 11 November 2005, Remembrance Day Parade – Minto Armouries
- ❖ 6 December 2005, Unit Turkey Shoot – Minto Armouries
- ❖ 4 February 2006, Regiment Curling Bonspiel – Thistle Curling Club
- ❖ 11 March 2006, Annual Unit Mess Dinner – Minto Armouries

We hope to see you all there.

"Velox, Versutus, Vigilans"

G.A. Ritchie
Captain
Commanding Officer
735 (Winnipeg) Communication Regiment

Unit 85th Anniversary

Next Year will be the 85th anniversary of the formation of the first Militia Signals unit in Manitoba.

In 1918, Winnipeg's first reserve Signal Unit was organized, (on paper only), as the 10th District Signals Battalion. Never formally activated for service, this unit was reorganized in 1920 and placed under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel J.C. Franklin, MC (Bar) in December 1921. It is from this date that the Regiment of today traces its origin.

We have a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this event. To do it properly will require a lot of planning, volunteer time and effort. Our first steps will be to determine the level of interest before going forward to the planning stage.

If you are interested in supporting this event please contact any member of the executive.

Calendar of upcoming events:

November 8,2005 Association meeting
November 11,2005 Remembrance Day Parade
December 6, 2005 Unit Turkey shoot
January 1, 2006 New Years Day Levee
February 4,2006 Unit curling bonspiel
February 13,2006 Association Meeting
March 11,2006 Unit Mess Dinner

All Association members are welcome to attend any of the above Unit functions.

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Please ensure that the Association has your correct contact information and email address if you have one.

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Membership Renewal

The Association needs your support. Annual membership is only \$10.00
Please mail your cheque for membership renewal to the Association
c/o 735(Winnipeg) Communications Regiment.

A reminder to all members that the newsletter is now published quarterly

A special Thank you to Sergeant Christine Smith for her support to the Association.

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A wonderful commemorative magazine called "100 YEARS OF HISTORY" was funded by BELL CANADA and presented to the Communications and Electronics Museum. This book is a compilation of pictures from our year 100 celebrations. It displays photos of all of the various activities here in Canada and overseas, as well as some of our history. This is a wonderful keepsake and the funds raised will be used to support our Museum. Please read below in how to order this treasure:

The Book. sells through the Museum for \$20.00 per book and can be ordered by calling (613) 541-4675

Signals related WEB Sites

THE SIGNALLERS CLUB OF CANADA

<http://www.the-sigs-club.ca>

RCSigs Militaria

<http://www.rcsigs.ca/Home>

Communications and Electronics Museum

www.c-and-e-museum.org

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