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Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada



President's Message

At the time of writing this I am looking at the bold headlines on the front of the last issue of the *Guardsman*. They say "Rally to the Defence of Fort Henry", "Fort Henry Under Attack" and "The Battle to Save Fort Henry Has Begun". It is now apparent that Fort Henry will be around for a long time. However, let us now add the word Guard after the words Fort Henry and you will see the crisis in which we will be involved over the next six months. Yes, the existence of the Guard as we knew it is in danger. So now, the headlines should read "The Battle to Save the Fort Henry Guard Has Begun".

In summary, the Guard numbers have been reduced from 78 in 1995 to 50 in 1996. The number of domestic interpreters has been maintained at around ten. In 1992, there were 140 Guard members! The SLPC blames the decrease (in student employees) on budget, but there appears to have been a conscious effort over the last few years not to fund the major role of the Guard in the operation of the fort. The fact is that attendance has dropped from 160,000 in 1992 to 123,000 in 1995. Also, the hours of operation have been reduced from 9:30am - 9:30pm to 10:00am - 5:00pm.

In April, the Kingston and Area Economic Development Commission (KAEDC) beefed up their involvement in the fight to save Fort Henry. The organisation had just achieved success in orchestrating a plan to keep CFB Kingston from closing. KAEDC has formed a Fort Henry Working Group to assist in the saving of Fort Henry. The members are, in part, representatives of the City Chamber of Commerce, Pittsburgh Twp, the Department of National Defence, Royal Military College, OPSEU, SLPC, Fort

Henry and yours truly representing the Guard Club. It is the overall consensus, perhaps with the exception of one or two, that the Guard must not only be retained but increased as soon as feasible towards its former size.

One of the items currently being considered is a fund raising effort by the Guard Club to supplement the 1997 Guard complement over the current base of 50. It has been established that the Fort, for every \$7,500 received would hire an additional Guard. A receipt would be issued for income tax purposes. The conditions and obligations of all parties have to be determined and agreed upon prior to this becoming a formal fund raising effort. Obviously, members would have to assist in obtaining corporate support and corporations may wish to have some other benefit in addition to the tax receipt. The SLPC has already started to make presentations to major national branded companies and has an objective of raising \$250,000 in 1996. Only 20% of this will go to Fort Henry for general purposes. If you work for a corporation who would like to become involved, 100% of the donation will go to support the Guard. More to come later.

The SLPC has approved a 5 year Corporate Plan to increase revenues through tourism activity. They have realigned their operations into four major destination areas. They are Fort Henry, 1000 Islands Parkway, Chrysler Park (Upper Canada Village), and Long Sault Parkway. At Chrysler Park, they will build a recreation/entertainment complex including batting cages, an arcade and an 18 hole miniature golf course near Upper Canada Village. The SLPC has hired an outside consultant to create a new Master

Plan for Fort Henry. Believe it or not, it includes a Hotel, Marina Complex and residential development near the rear Martello Tower and residential development by the west ditch. Fortunately, we hope, this type of development is not viable. It is incredulous to destroy the integrity of this national historic site. We hope the DND and the Minister will not approve of such activity. Write to your MPP and MP now to voice your objections. Write to us to let us know your concerns.

Other items - The 1996 travel guide for the SLPC no longer features photos of the drill squad nor the drums, nor does the Guard receive more than a mere mention. In the 1995 version, there were three photos. The SLPC employs ten people in their Marketing and Communications Team and have opened a new office in Cornwall for this Customer Service Unit.

We agree that the extension and addition of new activities at the Fort should benefit tourism in the area, however we are concerned that the Guard is not receiving its fair share of financial support from the SLPC.

There is a Grand Military Tattoo and Sunset Ceremony (the only one of the year) on July 20th, featuring the Ceremonial Guard Band from Ottawa, the Queen's Own Rifles Band from Toronto, and the Fort Henry Guard. Reserved seats on the balcony are available for \$20.00 (Contact Fort Henry (613)542-7388 for more info)

The U.S. Marines have been invited back to the Fort and have graciously accepted. The dates are August 10 and 11 with an additional performance by the

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Membership Fees

YEAR	1	2	3	4	5
FEES	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$46	\$55

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Chuck,

Interesting times for you to be President. I'm sure your mail is full of correspondence regarding the last issue of the Guardsman, and its coverage of current problems with the St. Lawrence Parks Commission. I'd like to offer my support in your efforts to preserve Fort Henry and the Guard for the education and enjoyment of future generations. Our responsibility as Guard Alumni is to ensure that Ronald Way's vision of living history at Fort Henry is perpetuated. Our duty to his memory, and to the work of many who have followed him, is to keep that vision safe from bureaucratic ineptitude and neglect.

Having Fort Henry made a National Historic Site, under the jurisdiction of Parks Canada would appear to be the preferred approach. I think a compelling case for this, based on the Fort's critical role in Canadian history, can be made. Certainly, if the St. Lawrence Parks Commission persists in its theme park mentality, this may be the only way to preserve the historical integrity of both the Fort and the Guard. With John Grenville's leadership, local and federal political support, and vocal input from Guard Alumni, considerable focus on this issue could be developed over the next few months.

Peter Milliken (MP Kingston & the Islands, Liberal) is aware of the importance of Fort Henry to the local economy and I would hope he could assist our efforts. On the other end of the political spectrum, Hugh Segal has never shrunk from expressing his views, and is someone whom I believe to be a strong supporter of the Kingston area, and the preservation of historical architecture. Fort Henry is a critical part of both. Also, the Honourable Hal Jackman, current Lieutenant-Governor for the Province of Ontario (and Honourary Guard Commander) has developed an affinity and respect for the Guard and its traditions because of his active involvement in the Armstrong Gun Restoration Project. Perhaps his influence could be discreetly used to influence the National Historic Site / Parks Canada

initiative.

On the issue of creating an affiliate member category in the Fort Henry Guard Club, I'm in agreement with this as a means of broadening our fee base and bringing new ideas to the Club activities from people who have an interest in the Fort and the Guard, but heretofore have been excluded from participation. Full membership should be reserved for those holding FHG numbers assigned during active service, or granted on an honorary basis.

I believe it is critical for esprit de corps and the perpetuation of Guard traditions that a high level of public visibility be given to the drill and tactics displayed during the Sunset Ceremony. At least one show per week, along with a reasonable slate of off-site events which profile the Guard and promote the Fort, is required for this to occur. Fort Henry is known both nationally and internationally because of the Guard, and the level of professionalism and pride it has embodied since inception. It is through continued regeneration of this excellence that those privileged to serve have gained invaluable leadership experience, and those lucky enough to watch a good performance, come away with a strengthened sense of pride in their country and its history. This public relations value alone makes the cost of selecting, training, equipping and supporting each generation of Guard members a bargain. A review of any Auditor General's report - federal or provincial - will show that we'd be lucky if all our tax dollars were used as wisely. Aside from all the other arguments, supporting the Fort and the Guard just makes good business sense. On this basis, the hope of all Guard Alumni can be achieved - to see Fort Henry and the Fort Henry Guard continue to prosper and in doing so to perpetuate enduring traditions which include an international standard of drill which is unique in all the world.

For me, and for many others, summers in the Guard represent an important life experience. As time passes what remains of these memories is an

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Drum and Bugle Corps in Confederation Park that weekend.

The Guard Club executive has finally passed a motion to establish an additional class of membership. An affiliate membership is open to all persons

to apply who were employees of Fort Henry. This is a non-voting classification. The motion will be presented at the AGM to be held on Awards Day, August 24th and is published elsewhere in this issue.

The Club has been offered the opportunity to participate in "Surfing the Net" through a web-site/homepage. More

news on this later. (Ed. Note: Submissions to the editor can be sent through the net to michael.braby@sympatico.ca)

My thanks to all who have written during the year. Keep up your support...it is always needed and appreciated. With sincere thanks to all Directors this year,

Chuck Umpherson, FHG 224

From The Quartermaster's Store

BEFORE I LAUNCH INTO OUR SUMMER PROMOTION, LET ME TAKE YOU BACK TO A TIME WHEN YOU HEARD THIS PHRASE BOOMING OFF THE SOUTH CURTAIN WALL: "HALT! WHO COMES THERE?", AND THE REPLY (ADD YOUR OWN U.S. DRAWL), "THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS ON A FRIENDLY MISSION!"

THAT'S RIGHT LADIES AND GENTS, SUMMERTIME IS UPON US ONCE AGAIN, AND WITH IT COMES THE USMC VISIT ON AUGUST 10 AND 11, 1996. PLEASE BE SURE TO CALL THE FORT FOR EXACT SHOW TIMES. OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS THIS YEAR WILL BE THE SPECIAL "SOCIAL FUNCTIONS" THE CLUB WILL BE ORGANISING FOR THE MARINES, GUARD AND CLUB MEMBERS. MORE DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FORT DURING THE MARINE WEEKEND, BUT IF YOU CAN BE IN TOWN, YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THEM.

ON THE MERCHANDISE SIDE OF THINGS, WE'VE BEEN SHIPPING OUT FHG BALL CAPS AND CDs WEEKLY! IN FACT SOME OF YOU WILL BE RECEIVING YOUR BACK-ORDERS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY. AS A RESULT OF MEMBER FEEDBACK, A NEW PROCESS IS BEING PUT INTO PLACE. IF YOUR ORDER IS NOT IN STOCK AND WE HAVE TO WAIT LONGER THAN ONE WEEK FOR IT TO ARRIVE, YOU WILL RECEIVE A BRIEF NOTE EXPLAINING THE DELAY AND GIVING YOU AN ESTIMATED DATE OF SHIPMENT.

The "it's too hot Bombardier, can we go for a swim?" summer promotion includes such great items as:

- #1 The FHG ball cap - A necessity, and at only \$15.00, a steal!**
- #2 The Golfer's Choice - It may even shave a few strokes off your game - the FHG golf shirt! - only \$30.00 and available in white or blue. (Sizes are limited in white so order quickly!)**
- #3 For those cool summer nights - The Classic FHG Windbreaker, only \$48.00**

***** Did I mention that TAXES AND SHIPPING IS INCLUDED ON ALL ITEMS ?!?!?**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR LINE EXPANDED, PLEASE DROP US A NOTE AT OUR CLUB ADDRESS WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND WE'LL GET RIGHT TO WORK ON THEM. WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING AN ORDER, OR WISH TO GET INVOLVED IN THE MERCHANDISING AREA FOR THE 1996-97 EXECUTIVE, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT (613)962-9147 OR BY FAX (613)962-8878.

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Rob Popazzi, FHG 1436

Personals/Membership News

Congratulations/Notes

FHG 1607 James Ian Wilson, graduated from Queen's with a B. Sc. in Civil Engineering, 25 May 1996

Jim Ball, father of **FHG 1608 Jason Ball**, reports "his son away on an extended working vacation in Australia, returning in late 1996." **Judy Ball**, Jason's mother, is the daughter of **FHG 206, Roy Garrah** (deceased)

FHG 1428 Christopher Garrah was recently called to the Ontario Bar. **Chris** practices corporate and commercial law on Bay Street with the firm **Lary Michener**. **Chris** has been reunited with his front-rank man, **FHG 1405 Brent McPherson**, who practices civil litigation at the same firm.

Happy 50th to **Roy and Terry Hudson**, parents of **FHG 707 David Hudson**, May 1996. Thanks **Roy** for all the help you gave when I recruited at **KCVI** in the 60s and 70s.

Thanks to **FHG 551 Rick Joliffe** for an enlightening letter about his infamous trip to Atlanta, Georgia in October 1965. The letter ends thus... "And so that's the story of how the Southern gay gentleman unsuccessfully attempted to seduce the British Officer. I can laugh about it now but I was a bit unsettled at the time."

FHG 1382 Ed Bowkett and **Rob Van Eyk** are accredited conservators from **Sir Sandford Fleming College**. Their company **Canadian Conservation and Restoration Services** is now located at 1912 Route 200, **Limoges, Ontario, K0A 2M0**. Keep them in mind. Their work is top notch.

To **FHG 271 Gordon Soutter**, who retired in March 1996 following a successful "second career" as the **St. Mary's Ontario Tourism coordinator**, do all the things you've always wanted to do! Good luck **Gord**

Congratulations again to convenor **FHG 1176 Paul Halligan** and staff for a successful **Peter Carty Memorial**. To date, \$28,425 has been raised since this outstanding event began in 1990. The beneficiary - **The Canadian Cancer Society**.

Congratulations and continued good wishes to old **FHG 154 Doug Thompson**. His work in keeping **Kingston's** military tradition alive with the **Kingston Heritage Tattoo Society** is highly commendable. **Doug** has excellent support from a number of military buffs (and **Marianne**, his wife too!)

Nice to hear from **Carol Gallagher**, wife of **FHG 905 Del Doucette**. First thing first: Born 12 Dec 1995, **Elliott Isaac Gallagher-Doucette**, brother for **Laura**, in **Toronto**. **Del** is a partner in the law firm of **Nakatsurn and Doucette** (criminal defence). For the past two years, however, he has been counsel to **Mr. Justice Horace Krever** at the **Commission of Inquiry into the Blood System in Canada**. He'll resume his private practice when the **Inquiry** ends. **Carol** is a high school teacher in **Toronto**....thanks **Carol** - we hope to see you at reunion '98

Births

To **FHG 1188, Jeff Toogood** and **Patti**, a son **Cooper Charles**, 5 April 1996. A brother for 2 yr old **Katie**

FHG 285 Vinny Martin and **Meg** are proud grandparents of **Paul Vincent Martin**, 12 April 1996. Of course the parents are **Roxanne** and **Robert**.

FHG 1174 Dan Gates states "My head has been elsewhere as **Jane** (nee **Binhammer**, **Fort Henry stores**, 1982,1983) and I were blessed with the birth of **Sarah Creighton** on 6 Oct 1995." Two previous children are **Andrew** and **Martin**.

FHG 1140 Evan McGrath and **Ursula** announced the birth of their first born, a son, **Alastair Cameron**, 27 December 1995 in **Toronto**

Sandy, Peggy, Alex and **Elizabeth Boag Reid FHG 1105** announce the arrival of **Robertson Thomas**, 23 Dec 1995 in **Kingston**

To **FHG 1378 Aaron Anderson** and wife **Alana**, a daughter **Devan Ashleigh**, 16 Feb 1996, **Kingston**, 9 lbs. A niece for former **Captain FHG 1378 Richard Anderson**. OOOOrah!

FHG 83-5 David Pereira and **Corrina** (nee **Young**) thank God for the safe arrival of **Kienna Christine**, 29 Dec 1995 in **Kingston**

FHG 298 Dick James and **Sally, Bath**, are again proud to be grandparents - **Mary Ellen** (nee **Fleet**) and **Richard James** are thankful for the arrival of **Theresa Marion Fleet**, 10 Jan 1996

To **FHG 1190 Cameron Wiginton** and **Nancy Webb**, a daughter **Jocelyn Avis**, 18 Feb 1996. **Grandma Heather Wiginton** happily announced the birth in **Mt. Albert, Ontario**

To **Rod Heikkila, FHG 1058** and **Betty Ann**, a daughter **Helen Bridget**, 22 Feb 1996, 8 lbs, 8 1/2 ozs. in **St. Thomas, Ontario**. See their picture in this edition of the **Guardsman**

Deaths

Peacefully at home in **Ottawa** 21 Jun 1996, **Dorothy Peacock** (nee **McInnis**), cherished mother of **FHG 636 R. Bryce Peacock**

Malcolm Blair-McGuffie, loved father of **Nora**, wife of **FHG 800 James Casterton**, 4 March 1996 in **Kingston**

Janet A. Smith, dear mother of **FHG 883 Kent Smith**, 29 March 1996 in **Kingston**

Personals/Membership News - cont'd

John (Jack) Murphy, fondly remembered and sadly missed by daughter Heather Jean and her husband FHG 1482 Donald Goodridge, 18 Feb 1996 in Kingston

Isobel Doris Chambers, dear mother of Katherine and her husband FHG 828 David W. Putnam, 6 Apr 1996 in Kingston

Bernice Helen Johnson, beloved mother of FHG 465 Dr, Donald Johnson, Brantford, 20 Mar 1996. Mrs. Johnson was predeceased by her husband Rev.

Howard Johnson in 1995

On Saturday, 6 Apr 1996, C. Howard Stavely, dear father of FHG 1655 Mark Stavely, in Kingston

From Judy Smibert, wife of FHG 793 Alfred Ian Smibert: "Ian Smibert died accidentally Friday, 29 Jul 1994, at the age of 44 years." He lived in North Delta, B.C.

To FHG 848 Don Mordak and his family we join you in the sadness in your family in the loss of a beloved mother, Stella, 11

Feb 1996 and a dear father John Mordak 26 Apr 1996, in Northbrook, Ontario

E. Muriel Burke, dear grandmother of Julie Carol and her husband FHG 1430 Michael Wayne Hilliker, 2 Feb 1996 in Kingston

Mabel E. Nelson, dear mother of FHG 557 David Nelson, 28 Jan 1996 in Kingston

George Frederick Downes, dear father of FHG 1084 Rick Downes and his wife Sylvie, 14 Jan 1996 in Belleville

Fred McConnell, FHG 428

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enduring sense of pride of membership in a special fraternity. If all else fails, I suppose we could call on the U. S. Marine Corps to bring Canadian politicians to their senses. I'm sure they'd be confused by our current plight. However, for the sake of the Fort Henry Guard, I'm equally positive they'd be happy to help if called upon to do so.

Peter W. Bherer, FHG 662

Hello Club Members,

...After my final year at the Fort in 1989, job prospects were dismal but I approached the Canadian War Museum about employment opportunities. It was suggested that I study art conservation, so I enrolled in a 3 year program at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough. Upon graduation I was on contract at the National Museum of Science and Technology until the budget cuts last fall, when over 30 contract positions at NSMT were terminated. For the past year, myself and a partner have been developing our own conservation and restoration business. I have specialised in industrial conservation and have worked on some very large and interesting projects including steam locomotives, railway passenger cars, military vehicles and

agricultural equipment. I consider myself lucky, especially with today's economy, to be paid to practice skills that I would do anyway as a hobby.

In October of 1994, I had the good fortune to be married to Daniela Kolbach of Berlin, Germany and we are now living 25 minutes east of Ottawa, just outside the village of Limoges with Sam and Jasper, our 2 year old border collies.

I often think back to my 3 years (87-89) at the Fort and remember the people and incidents that I will continue to remember for a long time. I would like to thank the club executive for their hard work which allows us all the opportunity to stay in touch with one another as we pursue our different goals.

Ed Bowkett, FHG 1382

Dear Gary, (Clarke, SLPC Chairman)

Is it true the St. Lawrence Parks Commission is even contemplating closing down the Fort Henry Guard !

When I received my recent copy of the Guardsman, as a former member of the Guard, I was surprised to learn that there is still consideration being given to sacrificing the Fort Henry Guard for budget considerations. As one who participated in the Fort Henry Guard from 1964 to 1967, I came to appreciate how great a

contribution the Guard makes, not only for tourism in the Kingston area, but also in promoting a positive image of Canada through participation in events with the U.S. Marine Corps or at the Royal Tournament in London, England.

Please know that there are many people such as myself who value the contribution that the Guard continues to make. As difficult as it is to balance the books during these difficult times, there are significant offsetting benefits that will more than justify the continuation of Fort Henry as one of Eastern Ontario's most dynamic tourist attractions.

I sincerely hope that the crises for the Guard is over and that we can look forward to a continuing, strong Fort Henry in 1996 and the future.

Kindest personal regards,
*W. Donald Cousens, FHG 466,
Mayor of Markham, Ontario*

**U.S. Marine Visit
August 10 & 11, 1996
- Don't Miss It - The
Olympics will be
long over and
baseball playoffs are
still months away !!**

R & R With the Registrar

We, the current year executive, have been very gratified by the letter and membership support you have offered this year, especially during this latest "Budget - Guard program" crisis. We're less alarmed by the "numbers argument" over the Guard than we are by the lack of emphasis on a quality Guard program by current administration. We know from our experiences in the sixties and seventies, that a limited Guard number and a larger visitation can be balanced to produce a crowd-pleasing, quality program, if such an emphasis is encouraged.

The 1996 membership total is 435, even with the tardiness of this second reminder. This was caused by a so-far-developed local initiative toward supporting the fort program, which we

wanted to report, and by a surprising quorum problem at the last few executive meetings, where AGM plans went undeveloped and which must be outlined in this newsletter.

We DO have a solid core of support. We list 182 former guardsmen/cadets who have given Club membership support for at least ten years and 280 who have been club members for as many years as they were eligible (44 for nine years).

My file of previous newsletters (collected and saved from several sources) is quite complete, but does have some missing issues, particularly in the earlier years. If you have a newsletter for any of the following dates, please send it (or a copy) to me. I would greatly appreciate the chance to get and maintain a complete

volume set. The issues in question:

1. Reunion Newsletter/Registration for 1968
2. 1984
3. 1985, 86 or 87 (I have a 4-1; is there a 4-2?)
4. 1989 (Is there a 5-2?)

I'd particularly like any lead on 947 Greg Hunt, 610 John Spero and 618 Alan Gratias. I hope the "Where They Are Now" charts are renewing some memories and maybe some re-contacts. Please pass on any information (my new phone number 613-544-0759) on names with incomplete or inaccurate current data.

Ron Kirkwood, FHG 182

USMC Colonel Crawford Gets Kudos From the Corps

Col. Truman W. Crawford, FHG H25, Commanding Officer/Director of "The Commandant's Own," The United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, received the Legion of Merit here (Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.) March 29, 1996. Crawford was presented the award for meritorious service from February 1984 to October 1995.

He has directed the unit at over 100 commitments per year, including four Presidential Inaugurations, numerous visits by heads of state, and various ceremonies in the national capitol area. In April 1977, Crawford was awarded a Presidential appointment to the rank of captain in a special ceremony. In August 1982, he was promoted to the rank of major, in 1989, promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel. In September 1995, he was promoted to his present grade of Colonel.

During Crawford's tour at "8th & P", the Drum and Bugle Corps has been the

recipient of a Navy Unit Citation and five Meritorious Unit Citations in recognition of their uncompromising dedication, loyalty and skill. Crawford's prominence in the music field is reflected in the countless requests for his services as an instructor, arranger and adjudicator. His accomplishments have resulted in his being awarded many numerous honours, awards and accolades including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy League of the United States Scroll of Honour.

Crawford's versatility is reflected in his volunteer activities which include working with underprivileged children, coaching basketball and youth hockey.

Colonel Crawford is married, has four sons and presently resides in Stafford, Virginia.

Congratulations from the Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada !

Hey! QM! My head's cold !!

Dear Sir,

Could I trouble you to check on the FHG cap portion of my order? You will appreciate that part of my reason for ordering the cap is the need for protective covering of the most sensitive exposed part of my anatomy, namely, my head. Like many other men at the male menopausal stage, I am watching and waiting with interest the biological and heritage fight occurring between greying hair and hair loss. So far it is a draw. I am quietly awaiting that the colouring and not the hair loss wins out. Now you will know why the cap becomes important.

Having also extended my membership I will not now be embarrassed to wear the FHG logo when it arrives.

With best personal regards, I remain,
Ray Ostiguy, FHG 499

Get involved / Let your name stand for the Club Executive !

A Note From Inside those Hallowed Walls

This year has been one of tremendous change once again at Fort Henry. Whoever said the only constant is constant change was correct. From the notification that we did indeed have a budget for this year, we had one month to finish recruiting, make our selections and plan and execute for the summer. Needless to say, it has been a very hectic time and continues to be. One of this year's Guard Officers, Johnathan Taylor, recently asked me what "those guys" did with all the time they must have had on their hands in the days when there were 100 or more in the Guard. I didn't have an acceptable answer for him since I am one of "those guys" too.

For 1996, the Program structure is 26 in the Drums, 26 in the Infantry, 10 Domestic Interpreters and one student in QM to assist John Gillis. In addition, there are two Senior Interpreters, Captain Rob Doak and Captain Mark Bennett in addition to myself. We are certainly "lean and mean" and everyone is working extremely hard to ensure the future of Fort Henry and the Guard by making a difference with

every visitor who comes to the Fort.

The Barracks Banquet Restaurant, the Fort's contract historic food service provider, is baking bread in the Fort's brick ovens once again. It has been several years since bread was last baked in the ovens and we all enjoy the aroma and the free samples.

Bryan Mercer, the Fort's marketing officer has worked out a deal with Thompson Plymouth Chrysler for the free use of a Chrysler Mini Van for the Fort for the months of July and August. The van is decorated with a Fort Henry Union Jack logo that is very effective. At the end of the summer, the van will be raffled off to the winner of the contest being run by the Kingston Whig Standard. The Whig is very supportive of the Fort and assisting us by running the contest and by having a photo contest of its own which features the Fort also. If you want to see what the contest looks like, buy a Whig!

To help support the promotion of the Fort's Grand Military Tattoo, Sunset Ceremony on July 20th, the program staff, organised by Colour Serjeant Morwena

Wright, distributed flyers (advertising the GMT and the USMC visit on 10-11 August) throughout the Kingston area. This was an incredible volunteer effort by all those involved and went a long way towards ensuring the success of this event.

The Marines are landing at the Fort on 10 August. There will be a joint Sunset Ceremony on the 10th and the 11th. We decided not to have the Drawbridge Ceremony on Saturday afternoon.

If you are looking for a way to support the Guard, there is no better way than by coming out to the Fort for the GMT or the Marines or any day for that matter. (Ed. Note: What a great place to take some out of town guests of yours. Great fun for a ten-spot!) Advance tickets are available for both events and can be ordered by simply calling the Fort and booking them (542-7388 or 1-800-437-2233) We need everyone to come out. Hope to see you all there.

Steve Mecredy
Program Supervisor, Fort Henry
FHG 950

I still need pictures for upcoming newsletters / I send them back !!

Notice of Motion

At the March 21, 1996 Executive Meeting, a committee of three was appointed to reword the Constitution to invite all ex Fort Henry personnel to join the F.H.G.C. of C. As *affiliate* members.

The following motion was presented and carried at the June 20, 1996 Executive meeting.

Affiliate membership:

20. (a) Persons who were employees of Fort Henry may apply for affiliate membership.
- (b) Affiliate members will have access to all benefits except voting privileges.
- (c) It is expected that affiliate members will support the creed of the F.H.G.C. of C.
- (d) Any affiliate member who his/her conduct brings discredit or dishonour to the Club shall be struck from the roll of members by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

This motion will be presented at the Annual General Meeting for approval by the membership.

Where They Are Now - the '55 FHG's

<u>FHG</u>	<u>GD. YRS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CITY</u>
263	55-60	WARREN CAMPBELL	*SCARBOROUGH, ON
264	53-55	BILL CARTY	XDECEASED (17 AUG 95)
265	55-60	DAVID CRUICKSHANK	*LENNOXVILLE, QC
266	55-58	WILLY FRITZ	*BRACEBRIDGE, ON
267	52,55-6	ALLAN HITCHCOCK	*KINGSTON, ON
268	55-60	JOHN MACPHEE	NANAIMO, BC
269		JOHN COGGINS	XDECEASED (FEB 1985)
270	55	JACK SAGE	IN NEVADA IN '92
271	55-56	GORDON SOUTTER	*ST. MARY'S, ON
272	55-56	BILL SURPHLIS	*NORTH BAY, ON
273	55	TED TAYLOR	*? ATHENS, ON
274	55	TED WILSON	*DUNDAS, ON
275	55-56	WALTER SOKOLUK	*NORTH BAY, ON
276	55-56	GEORGE INRIG	*LINDSAY, ON
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278	55	WILMER HILL	OSHAWA, ON
279	55	GARY SCHREIDER	*OTTAWA, ON
280	55-56	RONALD STEWART	OTTAWA, ON
281	55-56	ROBERT RICHARDSON	OTTAWA, ON
282	55	KEITH HOWARD	? SUNLIFE, TORONTO
283	55-56	KENNETH WALKER	?MAYBE DEEP RIVER '88
284	54-57	BOB STONE	OTTAWA, ON
285	55	VINCENT MARTIN	KINGSTON, ON
286			
287	55	LOU BRUCE	XDECEASED (JAN 1985)
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289	55-56	DONALD SHEPHERSON	*KINGSTON & FLORIDA
290	55	PAUL HUDSON	STITTSVILLE, ON
291	55-58	GARDINER ORR	KINGSTON, ON
292	55-56	BILL MAGUIRE	SCARBOROUGH, ON
293	55	JOHN MORRIS	KINGSTON, ON
294	55-57	DOUGLAS BOYD	HAMILTON, ON
295	55-58	JAY MCMAHAN	*KINGSTON, ON
296	55-57	WALTER MELLOR	*LAC STE. MARIE, QC
297	55	RALPH POHLMAN	STOUFFVILLE, ON
298	55-59	RICHARD JAMES	*BATH, ON
299	55	HUGH GAMBLE	KANATA, ON
300	55-63	KENNETH CURRIE	XDECEASED (NOV 1987)
301	54-56	GERHARD STEINHOFF	XDECEASED (1987?)
302	55	MICHAEL DUNN JR	XDECEASED

THESE LISTINGS HAVE TWO MAIN PURPOSES - TO REMIND YOU OF THOSE MANY FORT CO-WORKERS AND THAT MAYBE THEY'RE NOW CLOSER TO YOU (OR FARTHER) THAN YOU'D IMAGINED. WE HOPE THAT SOME OF THESE RELATIONS MAY BE REKINDLED BY SOME FORM OF COMMUNICATION. IF MORE DETAIL IS NEEDED MAYBE I CAN HELP - I GUESS I WOULD HOPE THAT MISINFORMATION IS CORRECTED AND ANY DETAIL TO HELP LOCATE ANYONE WOULD BE FORWARDED. MY PHONE NUMBER IS (RON KIRKWOOD) @ (613) 544-0759 (COLLECT IF NEEDED) *SIGNIFIES THAT THEY RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER



No regulation back-pack this !!! Rather, Rod Heikkila, FHG 1058, demonstrates a non-regulation front-pack with the latest addition to his family - Helen Bridget

**Fort Henry Guard Club of
Canada - Notice of
Annual General Meeting
1996**

**August 24, 1996 @ 10:30
am in the Guard
Memorial Room at Fort
Henry, Kingston, Ontario**

The Guard Club Creed...

Creed of the Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada

- a) to bring together the members of the Club for their mutual benefit and support, to encourage a spirit of camaraderie among and to advance the welfare of its members,
- b) to promote and support the Fort Henry Guard, and to gather and preserve records, information and memorabilia relating to the history and traditions of the Guard,
- c) to encourage and support research into the history of Fort Henry and the regiments that served in it,
- d) to raise funds by way of dues, donations and programs to be used to carry out the objectives of the Club.