

# Guardsman

Fort Henry Guard, Kingston



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Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada

## President's Message

What's new at Fort Henry? For one thing, it's not *Old* Fort Henry anymore. As you will read in this issue of the *Guardsman*, there are many changes taking place at the Fort: changes that encourage more public participation in the daily routine and changes that may define a new role for the Guard. Part of the Club's mandate is to support the Guard, so we will be following these changes closely. We will attempt to keep you informed through this newsletter.

The Board is gearing up for a busy summer. The Annual General Meeting and Awards Night is set for August 31 at Fort Henry. The AGM will consider some important constitutional changes dealing with club membership and we will be electing a new Board of Directors. Your attendance and input are extremely important. We need new blood on the Board in order to prosper and we have a reunion in 1993 to plan.

Please try to attend. An agenda, a slate of officers, and a program for Awards Night will be mailed to you in early August.

Building on last year's success, we will again be honoring the top achievers in the 1991 Guard at the Annual Awards Night (which follows the AGM). This double Guard ceremony is spectacular to watch and provides the Club with a vital connecting link to the Guard. A new award, yet to be named, but sponsored by Fred (FHG 428) and Doris McConnell, will honor the best all around Guardsman, as selected by his peers. Fred, as many of you will recall, was Guard Commander from 1963 to 1979. He is remembered by many as the founder of the Blue Blazer squad and for his famous "I heard two F\_\_\_s and a S\_\_\_ as I passed the locker room" speech!

Unfortunately, awards for the

Armstrong Competition will not be awarded this year (see article on page 6). We wish Fort staff success in their search for replacement guns.

We have had some changes on the Board recently. Owen Deline (Cadet) and John Ferguson (FHG 1032) have resigned due to job commitments and Ted Holden (FHG 1136) has been appointed to the Board for the remainder of the term. We are delighted to report that Steve Mecredy (FHG 950) who is the Club Archivist has been appointed acting Guard Coordinator. We wish Steve great success in this challenging job.

Thanks to all those who helped with this issue of the *Guardsman*. Club members are encouraged to contribute —why not start with an anecdote for our Remember When . . . section?

FHG 672 Jack Hamilton

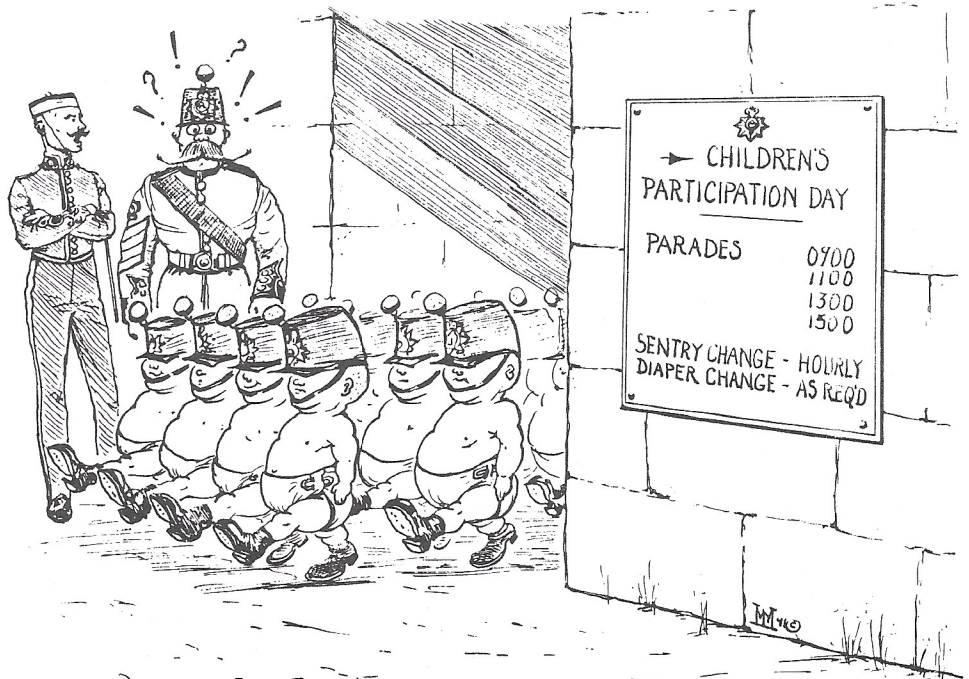
## Fort Henry 1991

On May 19 the old gates will swing open once again to welcome visitors to Fort Henry for the 46th summer season since 1938 (the fort was closed from 1940-47 inclusive). For that reason this newsletter will feature the Fort, the Guard, and the many new activities that have been initiated recently (see pages 4 and 5 for details).

One of the new programs described later involves children participating in the daily life of the *Guardsman*. In this way it is hoped a little of Ron Way's "sugar coated pill of history" will be ingested, and something of the life of the British soldier in 1867 interpreted.

When I described to Meredith Macdonnell (FHG 625), our illustrious cartoonist, the details of the children's program he knew instantly what to draw. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did when I opened my mail.

The Editor



"Well, Sergeant-Major, to paraphrase the Duke of Wellington: 'They terrify me; I've no idea what effect they'll have on the visitors'."

# Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada Financial Statement

## Balance Sheet as at 31 July 1990

	as at 31 Jul 89	at 31 Jul 90
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash .....	\$4,248.27	\$5,566.44
Investment Certificates .....	1,015.67	7,980.20
Advances .....		300.00
	<u>\$5,263.94</u>	<u>\$13,846.64</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
1990 Memberships .....	\$540.00	-----
1991 Memberships .....	510.00	2,500.00
1992 Memberships .....	500.00	1,890.00
1993 Memberships .....	500.00	1,690.00
1994 Memberships .....	-----	260.00
Plaque Fund Surplus .....	1,734.08	1,690.38
	<u>\$3,784.08</u>	<u>\$8,030.38</u>
<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY</b> .....	\$1,479.86	\$15,816.26

## Statement of Revenue and Expense

for the period 1 August 1989 - 31 July 1990

<b>REVENUE:</b>		
Membership fees 1989 .....	\$2,197.97	
1990 .....	3,796.00	
1991 .....	1,990.00	
1992 .....	1,390.00	
1993 .....	1,290.00	
1994 .....	260.00	
Video Sales .....	324.00	
Souvenir Sales .....	291.45	
Interest .....	593.08	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b> .....		\$12,032.50
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>		
Newsletter .....	\$1,906.66	
Membership maintenance .....	962.02	
Annual Meeting .....	330.26	
Regional Meeting .....	260.97	
Souvenirs (incl. postage) .....	132.69	
Video Costs .....	65.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	256.73	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> .....		<u>\$3,914.33</u>
<b>SURPLUS</b> .....		<u>\$8,118.17</u>

The statements shown above indicate the financial status of the FHG Club at a point in time—in this case at 31 July 1990. The statement of revenue and expense shows a substantial surplus of \$8118. However, much of it must be set aside to cover membership liabilities in future years (\$4,830). The balance of the surplus will be used to cover the costs of the annual meeting/awards ceremony (\$1500) and the November newsletter (\$1700).



*Your Club Executive hard at work.  
(left to right): Jim Gibson (FHG 770),  
Jack Hamilton, Mike McDonnell.*

## Ronald L. Way Plaque Fund

Members of the Guard Club were very generous in their donations to the fund established to mount the memorial plaque to R.L. Way in 1988. In all, 232 contributors donated almost \$3500. When the project was completed there was still a positive balance in the plaque fund. All contributors were notified of the status of the fund. Over 80% indicated that the Club should use the balance of their contribution in whatever way the Club directors decided. The rest of the contributors did not indicate their preference. As you can see from the financial statements the balance in the plaque fund has been identified separately. The Board of Directors intends to use it for a project which is in keeping with the purpose for which it was originally donated. If any of the contributors have concerns about the Board's intentions or suggestions as to how the fund might be used, they should contact the Chairman.

# Personals

## CONGRATULATIONS

*FHG 950 Mecredy, Stephen D.* Takes over the Guard Commander's office. With the office go our best wishes.

*Senior Cadet Van Dusen, Richard H.* ('80-'81) founded Kingston's Haydon Theatre. Van Dusen's play 'Hot Pigs' opened at the Baby Grand Theatre 31 Jan. 1991.

*Cadet Yalin, Azer.* ('90) KCVI student chosen by the Canadian Math Society to be one of 21 of Canada's best high school math wizards to compete in the Asian-Pacific Math Olympiad.

*FHG 1551 Sherry, Ivan C.R.* Excellent acting ability in Queen's Drama Group play "The Country Wife," Convocation Hall, March '91.

*FHG 706 Hain, David A.* Old Guardsmen never die; they spend a lot of their own money to re-enact the actions of the Brockville Infantry Company, 1861. Keep up the good work Dave.

*FHG 613 Reade, John G.* A member of Canada's Military Land Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Branch is currently Canadian Engineering rep. for the missile production portion of the ADATS system at Martin Marietta Missile Systems Division in Orlando, Fla.

*FHG 1186 Sinclair, R. Gordon.* Member of Kingston's own "The Tragically Hip", an acclaimed grunge-rock band. The band cleaned up in four categories: group of the year, its record 'Up To Here' won album of the year, the tune 'New Orleans' is chosen singing song of the year, and singer Gord Downie named favourite male vocalist. Another member of the band, Paul Langlois, is the son of FHG 403, Langlois, Adrian (Tick).

*Cadet Ingimundson, Brad* ('87) won the silver medal in the heptathlon competition at the Canadian Indoor Track and Field Championships in Saskatoon, Feb. 1991.

*FHG 784 Shaw, Ralph.* Completing his honours year at Queen's after 20 plus years out of school.

*FHG 359 Batchelor, Edward "Ted".* Continues year after year to produce well coached and disciplined basketball teams at St. Lawrence College.

*FHG 939 Amirault, Paul.* Appointed Manager Marketing and Development for Alberta and Southern Gas Co. Ltd. as of 1 Feb. 1991. Responsible for development of the company's marketing strategy and pursuing new market opportunities.

## BIRTHS

*FHG 816 Burns, Robert T.* and Anne-Marie. 2nd born, daughter, Genevieve Kathleen, 1 Nov. 1990.

*FHG 1125 Archambault, Geoffrey* and Cheryl, 3rd born child, Sarah Kathleen, 14 Nov. 1990.

*FHG 966 Christie, Richard* and Daphne, a son, Nathan Frederick Sage, 21 Dec. 1990.

*FHG 1052 Wiginton, Richard* and Karen, a son, Russell Mackin, 12 Dec. 1990.

*FHG 955 Vandewater, Steven* and Laurie, a daughter, Stephanie Anne, 11 April 1991.

*FHG 1316 Peeters, Ron* and Laurie, a son, Brendan, 8 April 1991.

*FHG 1064 McDonnell, Michael* and Catherine, 1st born, daughter, Adelaide Edith, 19 April 1991.

*FHG 1054 Burke, John* and Elaine, 2nd born child, Evan Roy, 29 June 1990.

Fred McConnell who compiles the Personals needs more material. Keep us all up-to-date on the high points in your life.



Guard dinner — 1953

# What's New at Fort Henry

## YEAR-ROUND OPERATION

For the past two years, Fort Henry has remained open year-round (Wednesday to Sunday each week). Not only has extending the operating season proved to be very successful, but also it has provided an opportunity to initiate several new and unique programs. Over 19,000 people, from all over the globe, visited the Fort during the past winter.

In November of 1990 five new intensive educational programs were introduced in cooperation with the Frontenac County Board of Education. These "Experiential Learning Programs" ranged in length from one hour to a full day. Many former Fort Henry Guardsmen, now educators, have contributed to the development of the new programs and have participated along with their students.

At present, planning is underway to introduce an "Overnight" component for the winter of 1991.

Outreach efforts over the winter months also saw the Fort Henry Guard represented in such distant points as Toronto, Seattle, Washington and Los Angeles, California.

Other "off-season" ventures included "Rotating Museum Exhibits", Heritage dinners and special events held in conjunction with local municipalities and model soldier enthusiasts. The Fort's new "March Break-Away" program has been revised and expanded twice in order to cope with the ever-increasing numbers of school children looking to sign up for a "stint" in Queen Victoria's Army.

## A YEAR OF ANNIVERSARIES

Kingston will be celebrating a number of anniversaries in 1991. As a consequence the Fort Henry Guard will be in high demand. June 6th will see an expanded contingent of the Guard supporting the efforts of the Kingston Historical Society at the gravesite ceremony for Sir John A. Macdonald. For the first time, a laying of a wreath on behalf of Fort Henry and the Fort Henry Guard will be included in the ceremony that will recognize the

centenary of the death of Canada's first prime minister.

On July 14th the Guard pays tribute to Kingston as the "Capital of the United Canadas" by staging a full scale "Salute to the City Parade." Mayor Helen Cooper will review the Guard in front of City Hall and accept a plaque from Fort Henry commemorating Kingston's 150th Anniversary as Capital of Canada in 1841. The "new Guard" will be looking for a large representation of "Guard Alumni" along the parade route to cheer them on.

Although not all events are confirmed as of yet, it is anticipated that the Guard will be involved in a dozen or more anniversary celebrations this season in support of Queen's University which is also celebrating its 150th Anniversary.

## GUARD ADMINISTRATION 1991

Richard Kennelly (FHG 1343), a six year veteran of the Fort Henry Guard, will serve as Captain for the 1991 season. Richard is brother to Michael Kennelly

(FHG 1201), who served as Captain of the Guard in 1987.

Steve Mecredy (FHG 950), former Guard Captain and Historical Research Officer at Fort Henry will continue in the capacity of Guard Coordinator. Scott Weaver (FHG 1151), will serve as Training Assistant.

## ARMSTRONG FIELD GUNS

As visitor and staff safety are always of prime concern, the two six pounder and one twelve pounder Armstrong guns underwent extensive testing over the winter. Results of the tests show all three guns to be exhibiting signs of metal fatigue from age and constant use. Consequently, the guns have been removed from active service until suitable reproduction pieces can be acquired. Loss of the Armstrong guns will necessitate some creative changes to the "Sunset Ceremony" program as well as to traditional events like Victoria Day, Dominion Day and lead to the cessation of Armstrong Gun Races.



*Schoolroom at Fort Henry with the schoolmistress, the Guard Captain and his "wife".*

## UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS VISIT

This year the format for the bi-annual visit of the Marines to Fort Henry has undergone some significant changes due to the exhaustive performance schedules of both organizations. The new format will be billed as "Marine Weekend" and will see a drawbridge ceremony and joint Ceremonial performance on Saturday, August 24th, and a Drum and Bugle Corps concert and joint Ceremonial performance on Sunday, August 25th. The marines will return to Washington D.C. on the Monday.

## GUARD CLUB OF CANADA AWARDS NIGHT

For the second consecutive year the Fort is pleased to work in partnership with the Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada in presenting "Awards Night". Not only did last year's event prove very successful, but also it served to strengthen communications between the Fort and the Club. The 1991 "Awards Night" is scheduled for Saturday, August 31st.

## SUMMER PROMOTIONS AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS

1990 Drum Major, Richard Anderson FHG, and the Drums of the Fort Henry Guard were featured in a full-page Ontario Tourism advertisement in the

April issue of "People" Magazine. This high profile coverage is part of a major U.S. marketing campaign sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation.

Some of the Fort Henry Guard outreach programs for the summer season include participation in such regional events as Brockville's "Riverfest", anniversary celebrations for the town of Smiths Falls and Kingfest's "Day in the Park".

## OTHER SUMMER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Several other events are scheduled this season including two Symphony concerts. On June 14th the Kingston "Pops" present world renowned pan flautist, Zamfir and on June 27th the Kingston Symphony Association will perform the "1812 Overture" supported by the Artillery units of the Fort Henry Guard. Additional major concerts are being actively planned to round out our new "Summer Concert Series".

Introduced in September of 1990 and originally billed as an "Autumn Tattoo", this event will be expanded into a two day "Celtic Festival" for 1991. Scheduled for September 14th & 15th, the Celtic Festival will see popular Irish and Scottish performers as well as pipe bands and dancers converging on Fort

Henry from all over the province. The program features a performance by a composite Drums of the Fort Henry Guard.

In an effort to gain wider appeal as well as in direct response to a "softening" in the tourism traffic over the past few years, the Fort has introduced many new programs, daily activities, and special events including several (like the "Army Schoolroom" and "Children's Muster Parade") that have had great appeal to youngsters.

The Fort continues to build on its "Garrison Life" activities that were formally introduced in 1989/90. These daily "mini-dramas" and interpretive scenarios go far in giving visitors a better understanding of the daily lives of the men, women, and children that made up the military community at Fort Henry in 1867. Interpretive activities, like the daily "pay parade", feature Guardsmen playing key roles.

For the first time "garrison children" dressed in period costumes will be introduced into the 1991 summer program.

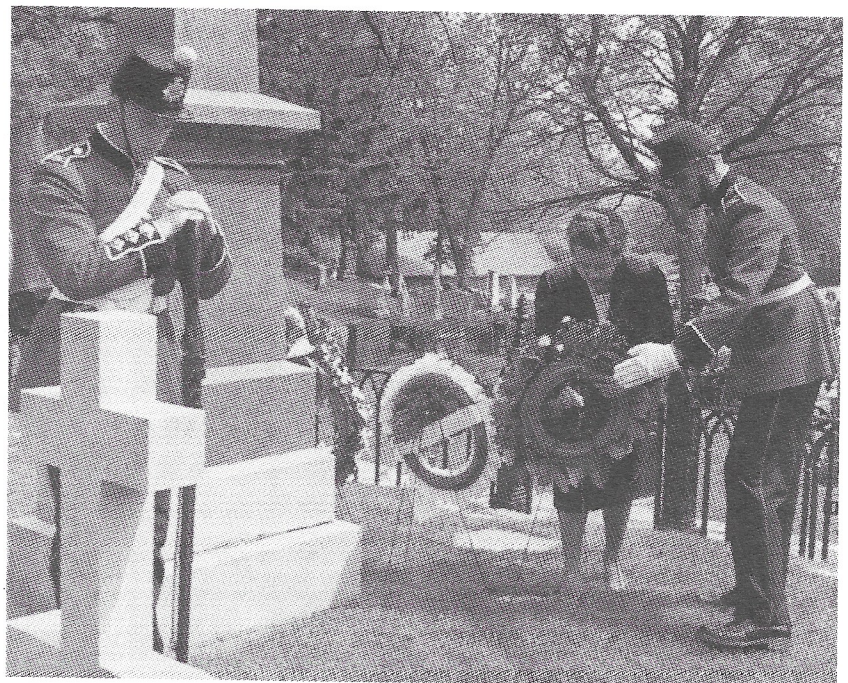
If it has been a while since you've "come home" to Fort Henry, why not plan on paying a visit this summer?

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*This material was submitted by John Robertson, Manager.*



*Guard officer and his "admirer".*



*The Guard at the tomb of Sir John A. Macdonald.*

## No Armstrong Guns for 1991

The Armstrong guns have been removed from active use by the Fort Henry Guard. In April of this year, tests by an engineering consulting firm showed cracks in the two 6 pdr. Armstrongs and the 12 pdr. Armstrong. Although it's difficult to determine the depth of the cracks, the electromagnetic and ultraviolet tests showed problems which make the firing of the guns a potential safety problem.

The Armstrong gun was introduced into the armament of the British Army in the late 1850's as the first viable replacement for the smooth-bore muzzleloaders which had been in use for centuries before. Although over 4500 Armstrong guns of all calibres were manufactured, by the mid 1860's problems with the breech system and the lead-coated shell led to replacement by new rifled muzzleloaders.

The two 6 pdr. Armstrong guns used by the Fort Henry Guard were manufactured in 1862. They first show up in the inventory of the Halifax Volunteer Artillery in December 1867 as part of a battery of 6 guns. By 1892 the Department of Militia and Defence list shows these same guns in the charge of the Royal Military College, the only 6 pdr. Armstrongs on the list of artillery for all of Canada. Photographs at RMC show the guns being fired by the cadets in the 1890's. The next photo of an Armstrong gun in Kingston is dated 1914 and was taken in front of the Armouries on Montreal Street where it appears that it was being used as a decoration.

The next photographic reference for the Armstrong is a newspaper photo by George Lilley (FHG #11) taken in July 1953. A gun detachment in infantry uniforms is firing a salute with one gun from in front of the Advanced Battery for a ship in Navy Bay. A later newspaper reference with another photo by George Lilley indicates the 6 pdr. Armstrong gun was the Guard's "latest acquisition". By the next summer another Armstrong had been acquired.

(Where these guns came from and how they were acquired seems to be a bit of a mystery. Because of Ronald Way's close relationship with the Royal Military College it would be a good guess that at least one came from the College, perhaps even two. Taffy Way has no recollection of how the guns came to the Fort but has a vague idea that an antique dealer, Tom Riedel, may have been involved. While I was historical research officer at the Fort in the 1970's I recall someone telling me that one of them came from RCME. Let us know if you remember anything about the origin of the guns.)

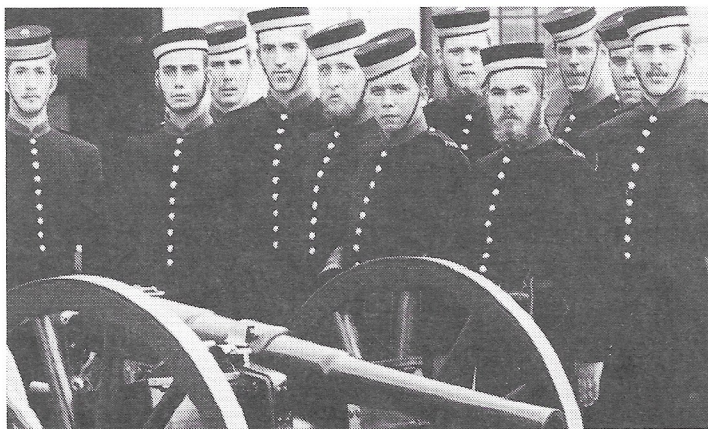
For the first show with the Marine Corps in August 1954, the battle tactics performed by the Guard included two 6 pdr. Armstrongs being fired from the centre of the line. Another photo in May 1955 shows the gun detachments firing a birthday salute for Queen Victoria, in artillery uniforms for the first time. By 1956 the guns were an integral part of the Fort Henry Guard's performance having been taken to England for their performance in the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.

While at the Royal Tournament the Guard had the opportunity to see the field gun display and competition by the Royal Navy. The crews transport their guns over and through obstacles and across a "bottomless" chason 30 feet wide using the gear available in a warship. This fascinating display which has become the centrepiece of the tournament was first held in 1907 and continues today at Earls Court. Someone in the Guard obviously saw the opportunity for a similar competition with the Armstrongs. In the summer of 1957, the Armstrong competition began. With the exception of 1970 when problems with friction tubes made it impossible to compete, there has been a series of races every summer.

In addition to the competitions, the Armstrong guns have continued to be an important part of the performance by the Guard. The guns have travelled almost everywhere with the Guard. In the mid 1980's the Fort restored a 12 pdr. Armstrong gun which they began using for special occasions in 1986. The removal of the guns from the Guard's performance will be a loss.

The management of the Fort is examining various options for having reproductions of the 6 pdrs. made. Preliminary estimates for 2 reproductions are about \$100,000. The earliest that they might be available is probably 1993. In the meantime the Guard plans to continue training and demonstrations on the Armstrong guns but without firing.

FHG #705 John H. Grenville



Armstrong Gun detachments, 1974 and 1969.

## R & R with the Registrar

The current club membership total of 444 is encouraging but, at the same time, disappointing in two ways. Firstly, even with 267 members paid up before Jan. 1 for 1991, only 177 have paid since then, and 51 of these are first-time members; so over 100 members have not renewed for 1991. If you're one of these, we encourage your response soon.

Secondly, we were hoping for a solid increase in membership this year, partly to meet an ambitious budget covering member communication and guard support programs. The two improved newsletters a year cost nearly \$4,000 (including mailing and membership contacts). The presentation of "keepers" to deserving Guardsmen on Awards Night and the Annual Meeting use most of another \$1,000. Without expanding our programme, we are stretching our budget based on \$10 memberships. We need and request your response with another 150 memberships this year. Do it now, please.

The President's note with this year's membership reminders was greeted favourably with many first-time memberships and over half of all 1991 memberships are for more than one year. Thanks! It really saves so many dollars not having to mail reminders and cards for guard support programs.

Three other matters briefly to report. It is quite possible that fee rates will rise after Jan. 1, 1992. We will continue to accept multi-year memberships at the current \$10 per year (5 year max.) until then. It continues to be our policy to register and contact for reunions any former Fort staff person who sends their name, address and \$10 for the 5-year period.

I have lost contact with the following former Guardsmen. Please be on the lookout, and have any of the following former Guardsmen contact me, or do it yourself with any useful information you may have:

**John MacCallum #949, 1975-77; John Perkins #983, 1976-77; Jeffrey Wood, Cadet, 1978-79; David Hill, Cadet, 1978-79; Ian Leighton #1203, 1980-84; Ronnie Riddell #1266, 1984-86; James Hubbard #1307, 1985-87; Rick Rea #1318, 1985; Jason Milner, Cadet, 1988;**

**Craig Wilson #1373, 1986; John Climenhage #1473, 1989.**

## Obituaries

The Club Executive requested that beginning with this issue an obituary be written on each deceased former member of the Guard or the Club.

To complete the file on General Shepherd, the following letter was received:

*Thank you very much for your letter and the enclosed copy of the Fort Henry Guardsman. The latter will go into our biographical file on General Shepherd and we may well use portions of your remembrance of the General in Fortitudine.*

*I have personal knowledge of how much he valued his honorary command of the Fort Henry Guard.*

*With all best wishes.*

*Sincerely,*

E.H. SIMMONS  
Brigadier General  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Director of Marine Corps  
History and Museums



*General Lemuel Cormick Shepherd, Jr.*

**Donald Fyfe "Danny" King**  
FHG 209, Danny King died on May 30, 1990 in his 61st year. He is survived by his wife Stephanie, 11 St. Ives Cresc.,

Toronto, and three children, Dave, Donald and Daphne. His mother is still living in Brantford.

Danny was a B.A. Queen's '54 and was employed as an investment dealer for Gordon Capital in Toronto. His personal interests were golf and fishing.

Danny was a member of the Guard for one year, 1952. As was common in those days people had to be flexible and Danny spent much of his time working in the Q.M.

### **Venor Kingston Brais**

FHG 323 Venor Brais died on March 19, 1991 in his 69th year. He is survived by his wife Bonnie, 58 Meikle St., Morrisburg, two children, Allan and Leslie and two grandchildren, Michael Brais and Bradley Hall. He was predeceased by his first wife Elsie. He was a brother of FHG 102, J.H. Brais.

Venor began to work at Fort Henry in 1950. He was a man of many talents—a good carpenter, a born salesman, a good photographer and a good supervisor. At Fort Henry and later for the St. Lawrence Parks Commission Venor was to use all his talents. He laid floors in the Fort even after he had taken over the management of the store. He built up the canteen from one room to a dozen rooms. He went on to establish the store at Upper Canada Village and saw it through several expansions. In all he worked for the Commission for 35 years, the last 25 years as General Sales Manager.

Venor was one of the few who never wore a Guard uniform but had a FHG number, honestly earned. In 1955 when the Guard went to Washington for the first time, all the ammunition went by a road carrier. Unfortunately, there was a trucker's strike in northeastern U.S.A. and the ammunition vehicle got caught in a truck depot and couldn't leave. After a frantic call from R.L. Way, Venor along with FHG 222 Harry Oikle loaded the ammunition in his car and drove it to Washington on time. For his service beyond the call of duty he was awarded FHG 323.

Finally all Guardsmen should give Venor a vote of thanks for all the pictures he took of the Guard from 1952 onwards. Most of the wonderful Guard pictures that exist from those early days were taken by Venor.

## I remember when . . . .

## Can you find yourself?

. . . we were out drinking with the Silent Drill Team Lieutenant the night before the 8th & I parade. After the drinking ended the SDT Lt. was in no condition even to crawl home. So we carried him up to the barracks where the rest of the Guard officers and senior NCO's were staying. After we rolled him onto a bunk, some of the NCO's told the Lt. that they were going to show him how they broke in all their officers. The Lt. quickly sobered up from his semi-conscious state and warned everyone to keep away from him. "I warned my boys not to go drinking with you. You Canadians are a . . . a . . . a bunch of alcoholics!"

About three hours later the Guard Sergeant-Major came by, all shone in his uniform, for our five-thirty wake-up call. He proceeded to poke all the sleeping bodies with his pace stick. After being prodded in the back a couple of times, the Lt. sat up in bed. The Sergeant-Major looked at him and said, "You're not one of ours."

The Lt. never did make the seven o'clock practice.

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. . . the Marines could never see the Guard perform and vice-versa. To help remedy this malady we put on an afternoon show for the Marines. Time did not allow them to put on a full dress performance for us. However we did see a remarkable facsimile at one of our parties for them.

The site was the armouries. A few tubs of Brador later the Silent Drill Team was coaxed into showing us their routine. The SDT went off to prepare themselves for this half-cocked idea. Soon they marched in and displayed their prowess. They used brooms for their rifles, their "full dress uniforms" consisted only of the shoes on their feet. At the conclusion we were given a twenty-one bun salute.

—FHG 1064, Michael McDonnell

