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The Royal Canadian Horse Artillery
Brigade Association
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2026 - 2027 RCHA Membership Renewals

Dear Former RCHA Members/Associates

We are inviting you to consider rejoining the RCHA. In addition to supporting the Association, your membership offers many benefits and discounts, which are detailed on the bulletin board.

Since your membership has expired, we ask that you submit a new application form to ensure we have your most up-to-date information. (This form is available in the document box at the club.)

Please identify a Life or Active member who can sign as your sponsor. The dues for a full membership year are $100, and payment can be made preferably by cheque, debit, or credit card through the Bar Stewards at the Club, along with your completed application form. The Bar Steward will issue you a receipt and a membership card for the current membership year. On October 29, the members approved a change of membership year to the calendar year starting on Jan 1, 2028. So the current membership will not expire until 31 Dec 2027.

The Year in Review

- We welcomed Alison (Ali) Raymond to our Bar Steward team.
- In September 2025, Jim Davidson, Director and housing lead, resigned. Thank you, Jim, for your service and management of housing. Steve Gillen agreed to take on housing duties while Wayne Willfang, a candidate from the last elections, completed Jim's term.
- First Capital Cleaners Company was hired for our weekly cleaning.
- Bar selections include several zero alcohol products.
- The elevator retrofit was accomplished in January thanks to the Federal Enabling Accessibility Fund grant and the generous contributions of many members and supporters. Special thanks to Lana Cassidy for preparing the application and coordinating the club requirements with the Kone elevator crew.
- A new Corporate Associate joined – Union of Professional Musicians AFM Local 518.
- Tony DeJacolyn agreed to chair the Historical Committee.
- The 2026 AGM, held on June 1st, was attended by 43 members/associates. Ken Edgecombe honoured Jim Davidson with a Life Membership, emphasizing his significant contributions to the club.
- Elections: Ken Edgecombe decided not to seek re-election this year. We extended our sincere thanks and appreciation to Ken on his retirement as Board Chair. Ken was the dedicated Chair for 16 years and saw the Club through many challenges, advancements and membership growth. Our best wishes were extended to Ken and his wife Susie. Two board members were acclaimed 3-year terms: Frank Warnica and Chris Whyman. As well, new Board members Steve Gillen and Maureen Plunkett were acclaimed. Chris Whyman has accepted the role as our new Board Chair. Bill Sheppard volunteered to manage the Bar Operations previously managed by Ken Edgecombe.
- We have welcomed 62 new Associates this membership year – thank you for your support.
- We continued to host the best in live music in Kingston with over 25 events per month.
- Building improvements included: a new fridge was installed beside the 3rd floor bar; the carpeting on the front of the bar was replaced with wood panels; an Exit Door Alarm system was replaced and some painting was done.
- RCHA supported several fundraisers for our community: "Pete" Peterson Basketball League; Clem's Annual Warm Clothing Round Up; Homegrown Live and Jan's Jam for Joe (Joe's Mill Instrument Lending Library); Kingston Blues Society for Blues in the Schools; Jazz Society events to support local jazz artists and workshops; Lunch by George.

Our condolences to the families of the following fallen comrades/members: Life Member: LCol (Ret) Bob Chamberlain, Associate: Mary Lou Boudreau, Former Associates John Iluck and Charles Molson.
Sympathy cards were sent to their families.

Thank you to everyone who contributed financially, and/or volunteered and participated in our events. Your support is greatly appreciated and essential to the sustainability of the Association. As a not-for-profit association, the RCHA capital needs are supported by contributions. We kindly ask you to consider an extra contribution to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions, or if you would like to volunteer.

Yours sincerely

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