



**The Royal Canadian Horse Artillery
Brigade Association**
Incorporated 1947
August 2025
2025 - 2026 RCHA Membership

Dear Former RCHA Members/Associates

We are contacting you to invite you to consider rejoining the RCHA. In addition to supporting the Association, your membership offers many benefits and discounts, which are detailed in the attached document.

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 attached and also 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.

The Year in Review

- We welcomed Breyanna Knight to our Bar Steward team of Buzz Hudson, Carol Hudson and Chris Sadler.
- A Remembrance Day Ceremony held at the RCHA Memorial in City Park, was organized by our team of Gunners: Tony DeJacolyn, Dave McKeever and Tim Young.
- Bar selections were adjusted to cover for the boycott on US products.
- The 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on June 2nd was attended by 33 members/associates and 3 guests. At that time 3 new Life members were introduced for their long standing and dedicated contributions to the Association: Ken Edgecombe, Frank and Susan Warnica. Two members were re-elected to the Board for 3-year terms: Mike Hamilton and Keith Orton by secret ballot. Thank you to Wayne Willfang for offering his name as a candidate.
- We received a federal grant of \$124,909, which represents 75% of the contract cost of \$166,545 to retrofit the elevator systems, a required modernization to ensure the safe accessibility of patrons and staff to the RCHA. Fundraising for our 25% share and additional costs, approximately \$45,000, is under way. All contributions are appreciated. Many thanks to Lana Cassidy for preparing the application and MP Mark Gerretsen for his support.
- Other grants are being researched to cover the cost of re-pointing the limestone walls.
- Several RCHA Policies/Procedures were revised/created: Space Rentals, Membership Renewals, Club Etiquette, Incident Report Form, and Life Membership nomination form.
- A new Corporate Associate joined – The Whisky Club.
- We welcomed 56 new Associates so far this membership year – thank you for your support.
- Steve Gillen was nominated by the RCHA for a Civic Award.
- Lana Cassidy promoted the Association in an interview on Cogeco.
- A letter was sent to the city opposing permanent closure of Ontario Street in front of City Hall.
- Our thanks to The Kingston Musicians Union Performance Trust Fund who sponsored several musical events.
- A new sound system was installed thanks to contributions from Doug and Ella Caskey and The Kingston Blues Society.
- Many maintenance issues were addressed including: cleaning of the heat and AC ducts; servicing of the AC system; replacement of the 3rd fire door to one with a 45-minute fire rating; replacement of the door closers on all floors; renovation of the Ontario Street window/sign display; and upgrading the shelving on the third floor. With thanks to Susan Warnica, replacement of tables and chairs on the dance floor side was completed.

Our condolences to the families of the following fallen comrades: Life Member: Henry Vermette;
Active Members: Terry Kelly and Ruth Pester; and former Active Members: Kevin Brown and W. D. Dunn.
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 and future of the Association, especially in this coming year.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions.

Yours sincerely

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