

ROYAL CANADIAN DENTAL CORPS REGIMENTAL COMMUNIQUÉ

RCDC 101st Birthday Ottawa Style
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Well the saying “When it rains, it pours,” certainly came true when folks in Ottawa celebrated the Royal Canadian Dental Corps 101st birthday. Undeniably it was Friday the 13th May 2016, and you couldn’t help but wonder if the date and weather were playing some kind of cruel joke on us.

Our comrades from the RCDCA were the driving factor behind organizing the birthday festivities, which commenced at the Dow’s Lake Pavilion. Those gathered represented persons from 1 DU Ottawa, 1 DU HQ, D Dent Svcs, DPGR and family members. Kitted with rain jackets, rubber boots and umbrellas, even the rain couldn’t dampen our spirits as we stepped off and made our way around Dow’s Lake and down the scenic Rideau Canal. And just when we thought it couldn’t possibly rain any harder, the Patron Saint of Dentistry, St Appollonia, shone upon his RCDC rally, “Celebrate you may... walk you must!” Gone was the torrential downpour and the sun smiled at us through the clouds.

We walked, skipped, splashed in the puddles, exchanged stories with our walking partners, made some new friends and connected with some old. The tulips were in full bloom, the air was fresh and laughter filled your ears. What a great day at the office!

Everyone met back at Malone’s Bar and Grill for some food, drinks and birthday cake while the mingling continued. Several speeches were made and we reflected about how great of an organization we are part of. And you can’t help but agree as you look around at those you are surrounded by, and realize exactly how fortunate we are. Making huge strides, doing great things, with pride, honour and dignity. Happy 101st birthday RCDC... we look forward to the next 101!



W.R Thompson Trophy 2015

The 2015 W.R. Thompson Trophy Award was presented by the Surgeon General, BGen Mackay, on 19 May 2016, to 7 members of the Directorate of Dental Services for their contribution and dedication in the development and implementation of the new deployable mobile dental clinic. This state of the art capability will enable the delivery of dental care in austere environments and ensure that the oral health of the men and women of the CAF is sustained on mission.

Each year, the W.R Thompson trophy is presented to a member or group to recognize the most significant contribution to the land, sea, or air operational role of the RCDC during the last calendar year, or over the past several years. The award may recognize training, operations, development of doctrine, or any other aspect of the RCDC operational role.



Left to right: Surgeon General, BGen Mackay, Mrs. Corney (D Dent Svcs 4-2), Mr. Macleod (D Dent Svcs 4), Mr. Luneau (D Dent Svcs 4-3), Mr. Desmarais (D Dent Svcs 4-4), WO Brulotte (D Dent Svcs 3-4), Maj Jetté (D Dent Svcs 3-2) and Sgt Lamers (absent).



Presentation of the Thompson Trophy certificate to newly promoted WO Lamers during a ceremony held at NDHQ on 27 June 2016. Left to right: Col Goheen, WO Lamers and CWO Bizier.

Retirement of CWO Julie Beach, Branch CWO



After more than 33 years of dedicated and devoted service to the Canadian Armed Forces, Canadian Forces Health Services and the Royal Canadian Dental Corps, CWO Julie Beach retired on 6 June 2016. Her retirement function was held at the Hylands Golf Club in Ottawa on 3 June and was attended by a host of well-wishers in order to convey best sentiments to her. CWO Beach is retiring in the Ottawa area with her husband, CPO1 (about to be retired) Pierre Langlois.

Col Goheen and CWO Bizier present the service pin to CWO Beach.

A special day for the RCDC

On 3 June 2016, a very important moment for the Royal Canadian Dental Corps occurred where, for 1 day, we had a total of five Dental Technician Chief Warrant Officers in uniform. That evening, a Depart with Dignity was held for Chief Warrant Officer Beach to recognize her 33 years of service.

The 5 RCDC Dental Technician Chief Warrant Officers: CWO Wilson, CWO Forward, CWO Beach, CWO Bizier and CWO Sinclair.

