



THE RCA HERITAGE CAMPAIGN

*Celebrating our Heritage;
Securing the Future*



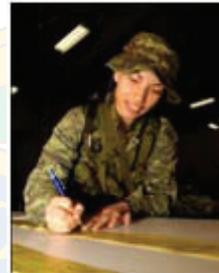
DND Photo AR2010-0168-18 June 4, 2010 Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery prepares and fires the 155mm M777 howitzer. Photo: Sgt Daren Kraus, Image Tech, TFK Afghanistan, Roto 9

The purpose of the Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA) Heritage Program is to celebrate our heritage, enable those who serve today, and secure the future for those to come.

Heritage Projects include:

- Statue of Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, artillery officer, poet, physician, on the centenary of his poem *In Flanders' Fields* - 2015
- Volume III *The Gunners of Canada* recording the Regimental history from 1967 to the present
- *With a Few Guns*, recording the history of the RCA in Afghanistan
- 100 Gunners to Vimy Ridge to take part in ceremonies marking the centenary of the great Canadian battle in 2017
- Expansion of our Bursary program to help us make post secondary education more affordable for families and youth and creation of The Captain General's Diamond Jubilee Bursary Award
- Development of the RCA Museum and Reserve Museums and Outreach Programs

DND photo: LG2008 0141, 29 March 2008, Shilo Manitoba. Bdr Melissa Ramsey, of 10 Field Artillery Regiment, RCA signs one of the yellow ribbons honouring the dedication and bravery of Manitoba soldiers deployed to Afghanistan. Photo: Cpl Bill Gomm



Since 2007, the RCA has been recording the history of the Gunner contributions to the war in Afghanistan. *With a Few Guns* will be published in English and French in the 2015-2017 period. The story of these modern heroes, mastering a whole new set of techniques and skills in a counter insurgency against a resourceful and ruthless enemy will inspire us all.



DND Photo; WA2007-0274, 14 Nov 2007, Suffield, AB: An Air Defence Anti-Tank System (ADATS), from 128 Battery, 4 Air Defence Regiment (4 AD Regt), RCA at CFB Gagetown, NB, engages an air target. Photo by MCpl Dan Noiseux, Army News.

Since 2004, The RCA has awarded over 80 bursaries to deserving family members pursuing post-secondary education. We seek to make education more affordable for all families and our youth. As resources permit, we will seek to expand this program.

Thank you for your support



The Heritage Program

The Heritage Program is not about the operational elements of the Royal Canadian Artillery. It is about the informal institution - the extended Regimental Family - which stands behind the serving soldiers and their units. By nurturing that extended Regimental Family - contributing to the pride and unity of that Family now and tomorrow - we enable the Gunner to serve without extra worries about the home front so that duty can be the first concern. It is also about connecting Gunners to their fellow citizens and enabling Canadian understanding of how Gunners have contributed, and continue to contribute, to the fabric of the nation. While we remember the service, commitment and sacrifice, we are also looking to the future to facilitate the continuation of those contributions to Canada.



Limber Gunners Association members fire a salute at Queen's Park, Toronto, with a 25 pounder. Photo by P Kernohan, Lt (Retd),

The Regimental Family

Our Vision: Once a Gunner, Always a Gunner.

Today, Artillery units are to be found across the land from the west coast to the east. They serve on operations abroad, as well as at home. At home they answer the call: protecting our citizens against floods, or forest fires, or any calamity, whenever and wherever disaster strikes.

**"To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high."**

In Flanders Fields



John McCrae

In May 1915, when he wrote *In Flanders Fields*, he was the Brigade Surgeon and Second-in-Command of 1st Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery, Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Your Donation Will Make a Difference

All Canadians have an opportunity to contribute to support of The RCA Regimental Family and to the important task of recording and preserving these exciting and valuable elements of our shared history and culture.

Thank you for your support

If you are a serving or retired Gunner, whether you served one engagement or a career, in war or peace, your donation now will help to preserve your *story*.

Your donation may be made by cheque, or credit card, or online through the RCA website <http://www.artillery.net/beta>. It can be:

- A one-time donation
- A pre-authorized monthly gift
- An In Memoriam donation or a dedication to a friend or loved one
- A legacy/planned gift by donating stocks or by including the RCA Heritage Campaign in your will and estate planning

Certain contributions can be pledged over time.

You will receive an income tax receipt for your donation.

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