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As 2025 comes to an end and 2026 beckons we open the new year with a greeting from our Honorary, HLCol Shannon Regan. C.D.

“Sending you wishes for a happy and healthy 2026, I am happy to provide you with some news from the Regiment. The change of stick was in January, when we said thank you to the outgoing RSM, CWO Roman Santos and welcomed our new RSM, CWO Lily Hua. The Change of Command was 6 September. We said thank you to LCol John Moore and welcomed LCol Brian MacLennan. 32 Signal Regiment continues to be focused on training members of the Regiment to be ready for deployment. We currently have 7 members deployed and 2 more soldiers leave shortly. It has been a busy training year. The Band continues to recruit and is planning to celebrate the band’s 100th anniversary in a year. The Vintage Signals Team provides live displays, sharing Signals History with Cadet Groups, schools, and Legions. The Band and the VST provide our prime outreach activities in our community. The number of cadets attending the end-of-year parades in our 3 affiliated cadet corps positively reflected the efforts made in recruiting and training, as did the numbers of awards and promotions. We were able to make disbursements from your generous donations and the funds we’ve invested: (to) 32 Signal Regiment; Toronto Signal Band; Muskoka Pioneers; 709 Cadet Corps; 142 RC Air Cadets; Family Council; morale packages to deployed members: Vintage Signals Team



The funds we raise have a significant impact on the lives of our soldiers and help many to begin their careers and reinforce the Regimental esprit de corps – everyone in the Regimental Family is most grateful to those who give annually to help out with the unfunded portions of Regimental expenses. Your donation makes a positive difference. The Advisory Council is a registered charity and your donation matters. Join us supporting 32 Signal Regiment and consider coming out for the summer BBQ to maintain contact with past and current members of the Regimental Family. If you would prefer more regular updates than this yearly letter, you may also like to receive Despatches. Please let me know (Shannon.Regan@Rogers.com), and I will add your email address to the distribution. Despatches are periodic updates on current activities in the Regimental family. They are short and interesting email communiques with photos.

Velox, Versutus, Vigilans, Shannon Regan CD Honorary Lieutenant Colonel



On Saturday, December 13th, 2025, members of 32 Signal Regiment gathered in Aurora, Ontario, for the Annual Soldier's Festive Lunch.



A celebration of the year with awards, promotions, and professional development. HCol Regan presented the (S.H.E.) Bursary awards

from the Family Council. This award established by HCol (ret'd) Sally Horsfall Eaton and supported by our Family Council provides funds for education or skill-development for our members. If you are seeking assistance for your education please consider applying for a SHE bursary.

32 Signal Regiment recently conducted its in-house ACISS DP2 / RQ Sig Op Cpl On-the-



Job Training program. The culmination was the successful qualification of 12 soldiers. Designed to prepare experienced Corporals for increased technical and leadership responsibilities, the training emphasized the deployment and operation of tactical communication systems, the application of full battle procedure, and the supervision of detachment setup.

Portions of the OJT package were delivered during EX STRIDING HERMES II, where candidates transitioned from theory to practice in a realistic field environment. They established secure voice and data networks, conducted equipment troubleshooting, and executed communication plans while managing time, resources, and det-level tasks under operational pressures.

Final assessments were conducted at HMCS York, giving members the opportunity to demonstrate independent leadership, supervise detachment activities, and maintain reliable communications in dynamic situations. With 12 members now qualified, the Regt has strengthened both its operational readiness and technical depth. Our thanks to Maj SK Shaath, C.D. CO 2 Sig Sqn for this story.

On Sunday 14th December the Toronto Signals Trumpet Band held its Christmas Party. A Festive event and well attended by the CO LCol McLennan, CWO Hua and HLCol Regan. Awards were presented and colour was added with Christmas Festive Sweaters. In 2026 the Band will celebrate 100 years. Congratulations for an amazing heritage and anniversary.



The Vintage Signals Team linked with “Historica Canada” for a presentation in Oakville. During 10-11th December 2025, Grade 7 and 8 Students at W.H. Morden Public School in Oakville held a History Museum project. The topics included War & Conflict, Women’s Rights, Changing Society, and Immigration. The students transformed their school into an interactive museum for the community to experience. A highlight of the project was “Wall of Heroes,” where students shared personal or family stories. Each story was printed on a single sheet of paper pinned along two school corridors in 3 rows. Many stories told how family members came to Canada. A valuable

archive reflecting the cultural growth of Oakville. Ms Peddle, a teacher at the school contacted the “Historica Canada Memory Project” for a veteran as a speaker. On 26th November 2025, HCol (ret’d) Lloyd with the Vintage Signals Team presented a full day of interactive presentations to 175 students in 3 groups of 40-50 students at a time. Each display began with a presentation by HCol (ret’d) Lloyd on



experiences of the “Cold War”. Capt (ret’d) Campbell and Matthew Campbell demonstrated a Heliograph relay station. Donna Carva and Julie Lloyd introduced students to signaling flags, pigeons, magneto phones and using a switchboard. Capt (ret’d) Little shared the mysteries of cypher messaging with our digital “Enigma” machine and Morse keys. Afterwards, Ms Peddle wrote “Everyone loved the experience and continued to talk about it for days after.”



On the 10th December 2025, Ms O'Driscoll, the Grade 8 teacher, invited HCol (Ret'd) Ken Lloyd and the team to visit the Museum displays that included the "Cold War" display created by Vivan, Jesse, Hunter and Devan. The displays by the students were detailed with research from both family members and the internet. The students shared their learning and were happy to expand on their thoughts and opinions. After our visit Ms "O'Driscoll wrote. "The kids were so eager to share their learning with you. Your stories

will not be forgotten by them. You have inspired them and for that I am eternally grateful. Congratulations to the VST members Kirk Cambell, Rick Little, Donna Carva and Matthew Campbell for creating such a memorable experience for so many students. Especial thanks to Ms Peddle and Ms O'Driscoll and the students of W.H. Morden Public School in Oakville.



On Monday 1st December 2025, **the Hamilton Signals Association** held its Christmas Dinner at the John Foote Armoury in Hamilton. The Guest of Honour was Signaller Doug Iverson from the 3rd Division in WWII. Hoo Jung a founding member of the Vintage Signals Team made a presentation to Doug during the Dinner. Mr John David our radio enthusiast presented winter jackets to our veteran members courtesy of the Knight's of St Columba. A welcome gift for the season. On New Years Day the Hamilton



Garrison Levee was celebrated in the Signals WO & Sgts Mess by our past members. Our thanks to Andy

Makarewicz for a happy group photo. On Saturday 3rd January 2026 32 Sig Regt held it's annual Levee in the Officer's Mess, Fort York Armouries.

Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous 2026. If there are events that you would like to share with our readers please send photos and a short write up to kenlloyd.mediator@gmail.com. Best wishes to you all.