

The Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) Association  
Annual Report of Directors for 2020-2021

Introduction

This report, my sixth, gives a record of the Association's activities in the last twelve months and also on other matters of interest to members. It also includes a brief mention of the key aspects of the Association's branches in the UK, Canada and Australia. It is presented on behalf of all the directors whom simultaneously extended their directorship to 31 August 2021 due to the COVID 19 interference.

1. Membership

As at 1 August 2021, the membership of the Association stood at 353.

2. Losses – Passing Away

During the year we have been saddened by the death of a number of members:-

Local:

1. S/Sgt WONG Ping Cheung
2. Mr. Chow Yick Bui
3. Mr. Lai Tung Chi
4. Mr. Chin Kwok Wai
5. Mr. Tse Moon Wai
6. Mr. Mike Broom (Associate member)

Overseas

1. Lt. Col. John Heywood
2. Mr. Chung Yat Ming
3. Mr. Luk Yiu Wai
4. WO2 Leung Kam Hung

3. Club House

The exhibit of the No. 1 uniform in the display cabinet will be on loan to the Hong Kong Museum of History in 2022 – a joint venture with the Club Lusitano (Portuguese). This is because the uniform was Col. Botello's who was an outstanding member of the Portuguese community. The display might remind many of the Volunteers in the Battle of Hong Kong and also in the later years. When the curator visited our Association to discuss the terms of the loan, he discovered that three pictures hung near the entrance to be very valuable, especially one with signature of a student of the Great Painter, Mr. Chinnery. He advised that the lux of the illumination will spoil the life span of the painting by accelerating the fading of the paint. He then offered to rectify the defect without cost. This also applied to other pictures and the Guidon where strong lux and ultra violet will cause damage. Eventually a technical team came and

<p>the lux of the illumination was reduced.</p>						
<p>4. <u>Entertainment</u>  Squadron gathering had to be suspended to comply with the COVID 19 restrictions.  The Club was occasionally visited by individuals who came to buy the PR items.</p>						
<p>5. <u>Christmas Party</u>  This function was not held due to COVID 19 Pandemic.</p>						
<p>6. <u>Foundation Day Dinner</u>  This function was not held due to seating limited to 20 people.</p>						
<p>7. <u>The Volunteer Cup</u>  The Volunteer Cup was held on 29 January 2020 with Mr. Wan Shun Shing presenting the Cup and a miniature to the owner of the winning horse.  A total of 92 members and guests attended the function.</p>						
<p>8. <u>Community Events</u>  Nothing to report.</p>						
<p>9. <u>Ceremonies</u></p> <p>a. <u>The Victory Day Ceremony</u>  The Victory Day Ceremony was held after negotiations with the City Hall Management to accept their strict control on the number attending.  Our Honorary President, Major Taylor, laid the wreath on the Association's behalf. No cocktail reception was held in the Club House.</p> <p>b. <u>Remembrance Sunday Service</u>  The Ceremony was held adopting the previous year's format, but all wreath laying for the different military units was undertaken by members of the Hong Kong Ex Servicemen Association due to the COVID 19 Pandemic restrictions.  Members of our Association stood outside the Square to watch the ceremony.</p> <p>c. <u>The Canadian Service</u>  Staff from the Canada Consulate General laid the wreath on behalf of all military units because of the COVID 19 Pandemic restrictions.</p>						
<p>10. <u>Sports</u>  <u>RHKR SHOOTING CLUB</u>  At the end of 2020, there were 141 members, comprising:</p> <table> <tr> <td>a. Full members</td> <td>53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b. Associate Members</td> <td>79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c. Honorary members</td> <td>9</td> </tr> </table>	a. Full members	53	b. Associate Members	79	c. Honorary members	9
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Practice Schedule

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of a Month – Pistol
- b. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of a Month – Rifle & Shot Gun
- c. Other Sundays – Club Matches & Inter Club Matches

Owing to COVID 19 Pandemic and Social Gathering Restrictions, only Full Bore Rifle Club Matches were held in February and June.

HK Gun Cub and our Association organized only one Inter Club Match, the ISSF Centre Fire Inter Club Match in June – our Association won the match.

The two Full Bore Inter Club Matches with HK Swiss Rifle Association – Compulsory & Field Shoot and OP Mercury were also cancelled.

11. Golf Society

Nothing to report.

12. Overseas Branches

The United Kingdom, New South Wales and Canada Branches cancelled their Foundation Day Dinners.

13. The Tyndareus Stone

Nothing to report.

14. Journal & Website

Director Kent Cheuk is responsible for the production of the journal but periodically he had to urge and chase members for the submission of articles. It was hoped that publication could be made monthly provided he receives sufficient material.

15. Historic Photographs

The Chit Chat group has tasked their members who are good at video and audio production, to scan all old historical pictures onto a disc to be shared by members when the Club House returns to normal operation.

16. Invitation from Other Associations

Nothing to report.

17. PRI

Director Yuen had creative ideas to produce regimental items to enhance the PR item sales. When HKAC holds parade or major events, we set up sale stall at the venue and normally the sales were good.

18. Finances

I will leave our Treasurer to present the Account for the last complete accounting period, namely to end of December 2020 and the work of the investment panel of income generated for the Association.

19. The Volunteer Trust

Nothing to report.

20. The Volunteers Charitable Foundation

There has not been any request for assistance during the year from the funds which came from the Volunteer Charitable Foundation.

21. Hong Kong Adventure Corps

Hong Kong Adventure Corps had planned to celebrate her 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Establishment. All programs were suspended due to the COVID 19 Pandemic Restrictions and the Education Department's guide lines. All squadron trainings were also stopped and the Camp locked up throughout 2020.

22. Thanks

As usual, my priority of thanks at the end of this report is to our barman, SSgt. Ng, who consistently looks after the Club House even the low business period because of the COVID19 Pandemic. The Club is maintained a clean and friendly place.

My appreciation also goes to Ms. Bronie Mok, our Club House Manager, who has worked hard during the COVID 19 Pandemic period; the limited work hours cannot hinder her to complete her duties on time.

23. Conclusion

I have enjoyed my time and thank you for the trust that you have given me during the year. You may be assured of my continuing dedication.

Joseph PAU BBS MBE ED  
Chairman  
5 August 2021