

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

The Royals celebrated their 150th anniversary in 2012 with a number of events, including a birthday party, a gala concert, an open house and an anniversary ball. (All photos: RRC Museum)

Birthday party. To celebrate the Regiment's birthday, Royals enjoyed on 15 March a slice of a birthday cake prepared by Corporal Glendene Wilson-Knight (centre). Preparing to assist her in serving the cake are Chief Warrant Officer Nick Webb (left) and Master Warrant Officer Darryl Chambers.

Gala concert. On 15 April the regimental band performed in a gala concert at Koerner Hall with a number of guest musicians, including vocalist Danielle Bourre, composer Howard Cable, recording artist Jon Patterson and the pipes and drums of the 48th Highlanders. The Director of Music, Captain Bill Mighton, is seen here conducting the band, the pipers and a chorus formed of regimental officers, warrant officers and senior NCOs. (RRC Museum)



Open house and anniversary ball. On Friday 11 May, several hundred members of the regimental family and friends attended an open house reunion on the floor of Fort York Armoury. Some (left) gathered for a group photo during the event. The following evening, several hundred guests (third photo) enjoyed a splendid dinner followed by dancing at the anniversary ball held in the Fountainblu on the grounds of the CNE.



The Royals' Chapel. One of the regiment's anniversary projects was the refurbishment and consecration to the regiment of St George's Chapel in St. James Cathedral. The chapel will eventually contain a number of regimental artifacts, including all the Colours and the memorial plaques that were located throughout the cathedral. Static wall panels describe the history of the regiment and its Battle Honours.

Regimental postage stamp. Canada Post released a postage stamp on 11 October commemorating the regiment. It was unveiled in a ceremony at Fort York Armoury by Honorary Colonel Anthony Graham and the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Jesse Jones.