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CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP AT THE ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS OF CANADA REGIMENTAL COUNCIL

- Honorary Colonel Retiring
- Celebrating New Honorary Colonel
- First Woman Appointed as Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel

July 4th, 2018 – CAMBRIDGE, ON. There has been a change in leadership at the Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada (RHFC) Regimental Council. On June 22nd, Honorary Colonel, Brian Rainville, stepped down from the role he has held for the past three years and passed the torch to new Honorary Colonel, Bernard J.J. Melloul of [Melloul Blamey Construction Inc.](#)

Stepping into the position of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel is Jane W. Klugman, President of [Whitney & Company Realty Limited](#). She is the first woman in the history of this RHFC Regimental Council to be honoured with the appointment.

Colonel Brian Rainville CD served with the Canadian Armed Forces for more than 52 years: first enrolling in the Canadian Officers Training Candidate (COTC) program at Waterloo Lutheran University (now Wilfrid Laurier University) and later joining the Highland Fusiliers of Canada in 1968, the same year he received his commission. He served in all command and administrative positions within the Regiment, rising through the ranks to Major. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and appointed as Commanding Officer from 1983-1986. After serving in senior headquarters, Colonel Rainville commanded the Reserve Army in Southwestern Ontario from 1992-1995. In civilian life, he was the Principal at Waterloo-Oxford Secondary School. Colonel Rainville was appointed as Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment in June 2012 and in October 2015 took over as Honorary Colonel. Colonel Rainville will continue to serve as a member of the RHFC Regimental Council.

Mr. Melloul has sat on the Regimental Council for five years with the last three serving as Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel. Mr. Melloul is the founder and Chairman of Melloul Blamey Construction Inc., which was established in 1982, along with affiliated companies, [HIP Developments](#) (the company's motto is: Honesty-Integrity-Pride of Workmanship) and [Sutera](#). His career also includes the management of companies in South Carolina. His companies develop land, help build municipalities and provide general contract work with sales in excess of \$200 million annually. "Colonel Rainville has been an excellent leader and mentor and we thank him for his years of service," shares Mr. Melloul. "I am eager to move into the Honorary Colonel role and continue the important work of the RHFC."

Mrs. Klugman joined the RHFC in 2013 and was one of the first women to serve on the Council. For more than two decades Mrs. Klugman has been building an impressive career as the leader of a top real estate firm, entrepreneur, Director of Business Development at Deloitte & Touche LLP, Vice President at Communitech and Director of Economic Development for the City of Kitchener. Mrs. Klugman has a legacy of helping people and companies achieve improved results. Her present civilian position is that of President of Whitney & Company Realty Limited. She is looking forward to utilizing all of her gained



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experiences to work with the community in her new capacity as Honorary-Lieutenant Colonel for the RHFC.

“I am quite excited about the new Honoraries as they begin their role of connecting the RHFC with the community, “ shares RHFC Commanding Officer, Mark Poland. “Mr. Melloul and Mrs. Klugman have provided exceptional advice and support to our organization over the years and we look forward to continuing the important work of our Regiment under their guidance and leadership.”

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About the [Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada](#)

The Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada is Waterloo Region’s only Reserve Infantry regiment. Formed in 1867 as a militia unit, its members have served in both World Wars, on peacekeeping missions and, most recently, in Afghanistan.

Currently the Regiment consists of 200 soldiers based in both Kitchener and Cambridge. As one of the top-rated Reserve units in Ontario, the RHFC was recently tasked to grow and become operationally ready to augment the Regular Army on short notice.

The Regimental Council supports RHFC soldiers through fund raising events. The dollars raised assist soldiers of the regiment and their families by providing services not available through the army, such as bursaries and interest free loans.

For more information about the RHFC please visit: <https://www.rhfc.ca>

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