

Responsibilities

Responsibilities and Selection Criteria Honorary Colonel and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel

(as prepared by The Royal Winnipeg Rifles' Regimental Senate)

General

The purpose of this paper is to detail the selection process and responsibilities of the Honorary Colonel and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of The Royal Winnipeg Rifles.

Responsibilities

The following are the responsibilities of the Honorary Colonel:

Provide the necessary influence at the national, provincial, regional and municipal levels to ensure the well-being and perpetuation of the Regiment.

Be the contact between the Regiment and the Colonel-in-Chief.

- Provide guidance, assistance and advice to the Regiment regarding policy, major issues and fund-raising efforts.
- Represent the Regiment as required at various forums within the community and at provincial and national events.
- Attend Regimental ceremonial and social activities.
- Visit the Regiment during training and other Regimental activities.
- Be a member of the R Wpg Rif Regimental Senate.
- Maintain liaison with the provincial chair of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council.

- Be informed on Regimental issues.

The following are the responsibilities for the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel:

- Understudy the HCol and act in his capacity in his absence.
- Provide a presence within the community with a view to furthering the objectives of the Regiment.
- Assist the HCol with Regimental business.
- Be a member of the R Wpg Rif Regimental Senate.
- Keep the HCol informed of Regimental issues.
- Understudy the HCol and act in his capacity in his absence.

Selection Criteria

The following are the selection criteria for both honorary appointments:

- Interest and enthusiasm. Candidates must have a genuine interest in the military as a whole, the Reserves in particular (and its growing importance in society) and the Regiment specifically. A special interest in the youth of the country (as represented within the Regiment) is important. Overall, someone with a keen interest in the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and the enthusiasm to generate it in others within and outside the Regimental family is a fundamental criterion.
- Presence. The nominees must have a presence and ability to associate with all members of the Regimental family, especially the soldiers. This is extremely important as the Honorary Colonel must be seen to have a sincere interest in the activities of the soldiers and hence be able to visit them on exercise, parades, etc.

- Influence. The nominee must be able to influence decisions made within the Reserve community as a whole and particularly as it applies to the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. This equates to being able to influence senior military leaders, municipal and provincial governments, and the federal government – notably the Minister of National Defence – in the interest of the Regiment.
- Community Association. The nominee must be a member of the community – preferably Winnipeg – and be able to use that broad association to advance the perpetuation of the Regiment. This is closely tied to the criteria of influence.
- Availability. The nominee must be able to devote the requisite time to the Regiment and Regimental affairs.
- Preferred Criteria. In addition to the above, the following are preferred criteria but those which should not necessarily exclude a nominee:
 - Past military experience, especially as a member of the Regiment. This would be of obvious value.
 - Community leader in business or industry; this could be important from the point of view of having the “roots in society” so important to the Reserves as a whole and the Regiment in particular.
 - Youth is a consideration for the appointment. However, there are older members who are more enthusiastic supporters of the military in general and Regiments in particular! Youth is a relative term and should not be definitive.

Selection Process

The selection of nominees for the position of Honorary Colonel and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel is the responsibility of the Regimental Senate. A selection committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Regimental Senate to prepare a list of recommended Honorary Colonels and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonels for presentation to the Senate. The Senate shall select a nominee or nominees for forwarding to National Defence Headquarters in accordance with CFAO 3-4. The Commanding Officer shall assist in the preparation of the submission and ensure that it is in accordance with CFAO 3-4 and other applicable orders at the time.

To facilitate the process, the Chair of the Senate may wish to discuss the potential candidate(s) with the Brigade Commander prior to the nominations being submitted.