MATROSS DETACHMENT

MISSION

The Matross Detachment (DMat) is a group of volunteers dedicated to the preservation, restoration, cataloging and interpretation of Canadian war memorials, primarily artillery, for the benefit of the various agencies in charge of them including units, veterans' groups and museums.

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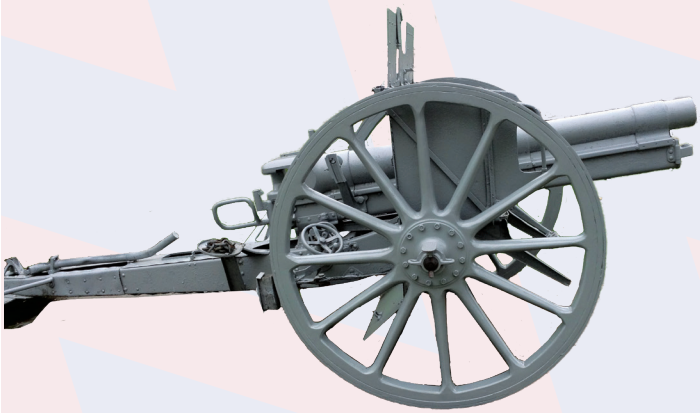
Support the various organizations in the research, cataloging, restoration, interpretation and enhancement of their artifacts for exhibition and information purposes.



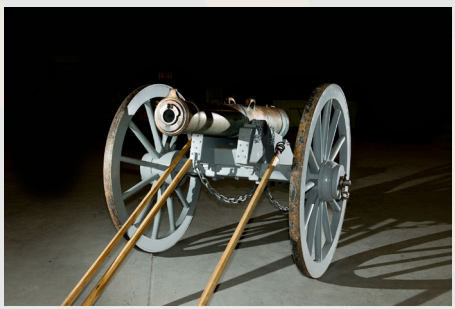
Establish and promote links with other similar organizations: museums, military collectors, old military vehicle clubs, and demonstration groups to share knowledge and promote the historical presentation of artifacts and commemorative objects in Canada for the benefit of the general public.

Cataloging Canadian memorials in Canada and abroad by building a database of such memorials and artifacts. And foster knowledge and disseminate information in areas related to its mission, across Canada, through any means of communication.

ORIGIN

Matrosses first appeared on the establishment in 1639. They were Gunners' Assistants, ie the 'servitor Gunners' or 'inferior Gunners' of former years upgraded and given a more respectable title. Unlike their predecessors they were all on the same rate of pay, somewhat lower than the Gunner's. The word comes from the German matrossen meaning sailors because the tasks allotted them in action, ie traversing, loading, firing, sponging, manning dragropes, etc, were deemed to be sailors' work. They were less highly trained technically than Gunners.

Matrosses were armed with muskets and bayonets, for their duties included guarding the guns and wagons on the march, and assisting when breakdowns occurred. Later they also took over from the Fusiliers the job of preventing the Drivers running away when the shooting started. (Until 1793 drivers were civilians.) In 1783 the rank of Matross was abolished, all serving Matrosses being elevated to the rank of Gunner. They had earned it, for their record was no less distinguished than that of Gunners.



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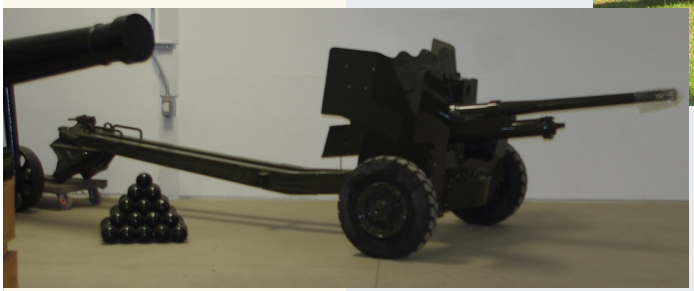
DEVELOPEMENT

Allow members, volunteers and collaborators to develop their knowledge, their sense of responsibility and esprit de corps during the research, the restoration, the maintenance of the monuments and their enhancement through interpretation activities.

CEREMONIAL

Participate in demonstrations of historic artillery pieces at ceremonies or interpretive events and events organized by community and government groups such as the Royal Canadian Legion, Regimental Associations, Parks Canada and Canadian Armed Forces units.



Texte Anglais

THE ENROLLMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN MATROSS DETACHMENT

a. Any honorable person.

b. To be accessible and dedicated and wanting to promote our mission.

c. A member enrollment is conditional to the approval of the executive committee.

d. To contribute to an annual initial fee of 25,00$, 10,00$ renewal.

f. Contribute to the development of the DMat's mandates and the achievement of the detachment's project performance objectives..

YES, I wish to become a volunteer member or a friend of the Matross Detachment.

Name : _____

Adress :_____

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Tél : _____

Email : _____

I have included my annual fee of $25.00.
Official receipts will be issued for all donations of $ 10.00 or more.
Please make your cheque payable to:
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Gatineau, (Québec), J8Y3E7

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