

IRONSIDES – 21 / 22 MARCH 2025

Fellow Black Hats,

It gives me great pleasure to announce the beginning of planning and coordination for the upcoming Ironsides in 2025. The event was intended to not interfere with Easter, and I will act as the primary contact for registration and as treasurer. This year, the venue will be again at the **Gananoque Curling Club in Gananoque**, and curling will take place on **21 / 22 March 2025**. Skips draw will be held the evening of **20 March 2025** at the WO's & Sgt's Mess. We will end the event with a banquet the evening of **22 March 25** at the curling rink in Gananoque.

The cost of the event will still be **\$240.00** per team as we only had 12 teams last year, however I lowered the cost by \$10.00 per team with the hopes of more team entries this year. The main effort here is to provide a Corps event that is affordable, and one that creates sufficient revenue to pay the bills. Cheques may be made payable to the undersigned, and a receipt will be provided at the Skips Draw. You may also email transfer me the funds for your team at the civilian address in the registration form if that is easier.

All serving and past members of the RCAC units, non-armoured pers serving with or formally attached to a Corps unit and all RCAC and unit association members are eligible to curl in this event. I have block booked quarters in Kingston already and the POC, costs, and availability are on the registration form for your info and action where required.

A, B, C, D, E, and Old Comrades events will be curled depending on number of entries, and we will recognize the Event Runner-ups, and Most Sportsmanlike Team. The registration cut-off date for entry will be **07 Mar 25** for scheduling, food, and organization purposes. In the past some teams have not registered or paid until the last minute which makes it difficult to forecast when we have pins and food to plan for at the banquet. I would ask that teams make their intention known ASAP to me at the email address provided.

Teams are asked to bring **a prize per member (4) for the prize table** as well as their unit's flag for the march in and to show your unit pride throughout the event. **Any teams with trophies are asked to bring them back engraved, so they can be awarded once again.** Please provide a team name, player's names, unit represented and an email address of your team's primary contact and a phone number as well. As I said, I hope that we can keep this great tradition alive and well. Only through your participation can we accomplish this.

WORTHY

Capt M.J. Richard, MMM, CD
IRONSIDES Event Organizer