

## **Members of the Manitoba Legislature honoured the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005.**

Brandon East MLA Drew Caldwell read the following statement in the Legislature congratulating the RCHA on their centenary year.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the Manitoba Legislature to bring attention to, and applaud, the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery who are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year.

The RCHA originated as A and B Batteries in Kingston and Quebec respectively, in 1871. In 1905, A and B Batteries, along with C Battery, then stationed in Kingston, were re-designated the RCHA.

After the First World War, C Battery relocated from Kingston to Winnipeg and was stationed at the Fort Osborne barracks from 1919 to 1939. This was the beginning of a lengthy association between the RCHA and Manitoba that continues today. At least one unit of the RCHA has been stationed in Manitoba continuously since 1946. For 79 of its 100 years, RCHA Gunners have called Winnipeg and Shilo home.

Mr. Speaker, although Manitobans may take particular pride in the local history of the RCHA, we must also recognize the role they have played on the international stage. RCHA units have participated in the most pivotal events of the 20th and 21st centuries. During both World Wars and the Cold War era they fought courageously in the struggle for democracy and freedom. Today, they continue to risk their lives to bring stability to war torn nations. Most recently, C Battery from Shilo fought in the war on terrorism in Afghanistan.

In this, the year of the Veteran, it is important that we pay tribute to our armed forces and remember the enormous sacrifices they have made. I would like to take this opportunity to also mention that 2005 is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the four oldest Canadian Artillery Batteries.

On behalf of our government, I would like to congratulate the RCHA on celebrating their 100th anniversary. In addition, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the men and women, past and present, who have served our country as Gunners RCHA and contributed to its legacy. You make your country proud. Thank you.



Photo features Drew Caldwell, MLA Brandon-East presenting Major Marc George, Regimental Major, RCA with a copy of the statement read in the Manitoba Legislature May 4.

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