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Dear Friends,

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Since starting the csendőr website and becoming the central director for the MKCsBK, I have had the pleasure of talking to many wonderful folks. A number of these were former csendőrs, and connecting with them is one of the reasons for this organization. It is a thrill for me to speak with these gentlemen who so courageously guarded and served our homeland, and then later were persecuted and suffered for no other reason than that they honored their oath and were unwavering in their dedication. Yet, at one time, they were the model law enforcement for the world. I would love to be able to embrace each and everyone of them, shake their hand, and say 'thank you' from a grateful people who still remember the peace enjoyed because the csendőrs were on duty. My regret is that I had not been able to talk with them sooner in life. With many, that opportunity is now gone.

One such individual who now walks on the Hadak Útja is Károly Kiss, sergeant, born Nov. 2, 1918, and passed away at age 89, on March 14, 2008. He was one of 24 csendőrs guarding the Swedish Embassy in the last year of the war. He and his csendőrs repelled three separate armed attempts to gain entrance into the embassy to secure a list of Hungarian Jews from Raoul Wallenberg so that these Jews could be transported to concentration camps. After the war he immigrated to Canada, where he became an active and valued member of the Canadian Hungarian community.

We sadly acknowledge the death of Tenke Vince, corporal, who passed away in April of 2008 in Vasad, Hungary, at age 96, and of Jozsef Szelei, who died on June 3, 2008, at age 94.

An interesting individual whom I did have the pleasure of meeting is Béla Csatory. Béla's father was a csendor who had already passed away some time ago. His father never spoke of his csendor past. It was only when Béla, who does not speak Hungarian, happened to come across our csendor website, which fortunately has a number of articles in English, was he able to learn of the csendőrs' legacy. He contacted me through the website and we have become good friends. Béla's hobby is painting, and because of his love for his father and the csendőrség he has painted a number of csendőr topic pictures of which have been two paintings and drawings of my father, a painting of our dear former central commander Gábor v. Kiss, and of our very active outstanding csendőr-day organizer in Cleveland, Ohio, István Molnár. Most recently he has drawn a poster-sized picture depicting a number of csendőrs (see included). This is his way of correcting the world's neglect of the Hungarian military, especially of the csendőrs.



An organization of history scholars, the Szemere Bertalan Magyar Rendvédelmi-Történeti Tudományos Társaság, located in Hungary, has been researching the past of the Hungarian law enforcement organizations for many years. They hold annual conferences and have published numerous in depth articles, of which a considerable portion deal with the csendőrség. For the first time since the end of the war, honest and objective research is being conducted on the history of the csendőrs. The scholarly works of the organization are published each year in a bound volume. In collaboration with the organization, you can now find on our website a list of these annual volumes with a short description for each article and how they may be ordered through us for those who are interested. These articles are an outstanding and invaluable source of information on the csendőrs.

Our former central director, v. Gábor Kiss developed a close working relationship between the Szemere Bertalan Magyar Rendvédelem-Történeti Tudományos Társaság and the MKCsBK. Dr. József Parádi, president of the organization, has been a guest speaker on more than one occasion at our Florida Csendőr Day conferences. Working together with him, and utilizing the knowledge and academic work on his part and on the part of the members and friends of the Szemere Bertalan Társaság, we are able to greatly improve our website. As a result, the visitor can now access a nine-page summary of the history of the csendőrség from the opening page of the website. This summary is currently available only in Hungarian, but it will be translated into English in the near future. Furthermore, the References section has been updated, greatly expanded, and put into a scientifically proper format. In addition, a new section has been added under the heading of Library where all the laws and regulations relating to the csendőrség will be posted when available. We want to express our deep appreciation to Dr. Parádi for his significant contribution in making this joint endeavor a reality.

The web site continues to grow not only in size but also in popularity. The site is visited over 500 times per month, with more than half being first time visitors. In the past 27 months the site has been accessed over 12,000 times. The photo gallery has continued to grow with over 1300 photographs. It is now easier to access the photographs because of the program my son László has installed which permits the viewing of six photographs at a time in miniature. Clicking onto any photo enlarges the photograph for the viewer. Clicking on the arrows at the top of the screen permits the viewer to scan through the photos forward or backward.

The Széchényi Library in Hungary recently wrote me. To my surprise they had already acquired copies of our first two letters and asked to be placed on our mailing list.

I would like to express my appreciation to those who have made contributions since our last letter:

Advocate: Ruth Kiss, Dr Erwin Honos, Zoltan and Katalin Korossy

Patron: Michael and Ilona Geczy

Supporter: Attila Perjesy

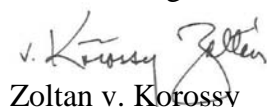
Again I ask that you please keep me informed of any news that would be of interest to our organization.

If you wish to receive these newsletters via emails, please send me your email address.

If you have not done so already, let me know if you wish to continue receiving the newsletters, for we are updating our mailing list.

Enclosed you will find a list of books, placed onto CDs, that deal with Hungarian ordnances of WWII. Contact me if you are interested in purchasing any of these.

With best regards,



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