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Dear Friends,

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It is my sincere hope that you had a joyous Christmas celebration and that you will have a blessed New Year.

“With dedicated work, iron discipline and exemplary discharge of duty, the Royal Hungarian Gendarmerie developed into such an outstanding organization that it is deservedly worthy of the utmost respect throughout the country.” (Báró Hazai Samu, ny. honvédelmi és gyalogsági tábornok, Preszly Lóránd: [A m. kir. csendőrség története 1881- 1918](#), Budapest, 1920, p.6.)

The year 2015 marks 70 years that the communist leaders returning from the Soviet Union to Hungary formed a new government and as one of their very first acts, even before the guns grew silent, disbanded the Hungarian Gendarmerie. And they did this not by way of parliament but by a mere [decree](#), declaring all its members, active or retired, war criminals solely for the political purpose of securing their own power. The decree contained no mention of Jewish deportations, because the nature of the concentration camps was still largely unknown at that time. This accusation was only later conveniently used against the gendarmes to “justify” their terrible mistreatment before the western allies. Thus began the active persecutions of all gendarmes: confiscations of wealth and property, loss of all social benefits for them and their families, imprisonment of thousands, torture, beatings to death and executions. In addition, all gendarmerie artifacts, books, documents were summarily destroyed so there could be no way to rebut the mass of false information being produced by the communists. These actions were so effective that in two generations these lies have become imbedded in the minds of people, and became “common knowledge” to the degree that even among otherwise clear- thinking, educated individuals there is a negative sentiment toward the gendarmerie to this day.

We became aware recently that the left is planning to use this 70-year anniversary for a renewed slander campaign. For this reason, we are planning our own course of action over the span of 2015. Here are the highlights.

We are in the process of creating a medal in memory of the tragedy suffered by the Hungarian Gendarmerie. The medal will depict on the obverse a smaller version of one of the most recognized symbols of the Gendarmerie, the patrol leader’s badge. On the reverse will be the dates 1881 -1945-2015, *Magyar Királyi Csendőrség-MKCsBK* around the perimeter, with the motto of the gendarmerie in the middle: *Hiven Becsülettel Vitézül*. The tri-fold ribbon will be the same as one used for a medal honoring the martyrs of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution: a

black ribbon with a thin red, white, and green stripe along the edges, reflecting the grief and the patriotism of the gendarmes. We wish to first of all present this medal to former gendarmes and their spouses, children, and grandchildren. For this reason we would like to request that if you are in one of these categories (or if you know such a person), and wish to receive the medal, please **notify us by way of email or postal mail by January 20th**, and also state your relationship to the gendarme. Also let us know, if you would be able to attend a planned Gendarmerie Day ceremony in Budapest on or around February 14th to receive the medal, or if someone in your stead would accept it for you, or if you desire to have it mailed to you. We are also planning to present this medal in recognition of those individuals who have in some way significantly contributed by research, or other efforts to reestablish and preserve the legacy and respect of the Hungarian Gendarmerie that they so rightfully deserve.



We also have prepared a book, nearly ready for publishing, which will cover all the decorations issued by the MKCsBK in its 68 year history, along with illustrations.

Also, we have nearly completed the preparation of a computer disk that will contain all the Hungarian Gendarmerie's official newspaper, *Csendőrségi Lapok*, from 1907 through 1944. It will be a very useful material for all those interested to learn more about the gendarmerie, for those who are seeking to find information about a gendarme relative, and for those historians who are researching the gendarmerie.

We are also planning the publication of a book containing lectures presented at the annual history symposiums since 1990 on major topics related to the Gendarmerie. We are thankful to the historians who have allowed the use of their work without honorarium.

Finally, we possibly will produce yet another computer disc that would facilitate the historical research of the gendarmerie. Historians often turn to the 1881- 1945 minutes of the Parliament and ministerial committees to see what gendarmerie-related issues were discussed. These are a rich source of information revealing the true nature and role of the gendarmerie in the development of Hungary's civil society. Even though these records are available in digitalized form on the various archives' websites, it is a very tedious and time-consuming process to find the pertinent mentions in the vast volume of records. To facilitate this valuable historical research, we are looking into sorting through this huge material, extracting the gendarmerie-related references, and placing them on our website as well as onto a CD which we would then distribute not only to certain historians, but to all major libraries, as well as history- or politics-related educational institutions, both in Hungary and in areas of Hungarian interest (such as Transylvania or Felvidék). The more we can bring the truth about the

Gendarmerie to the public's attention, the more people will see the true dedicated nobility of these public servants. But we will only undertake this if our energy and finances permit.

Many people have contacted us over the years asking us for information about a gendarme relative. In the past, we've recommended, among other things, contacting the Military History Institute and Museum in Budapest to look at their records. So a couple of month ago, we entertained the idea of requesting permission from the Institute to photocopy their records on the individual gendarmes and place these records on our website. It turns out that they only have records produced by the communists after the end of the war, thus they mainly consist of the fabricated lies and the opinion of the communist government, which is of no value for anyone interested in the truth.

A rumor had been circulating in Hungary that the Hungarian Archives had purchased from Russia their records on the Hungarian Gendarmerie for 100,000 US dollars. We must correct this falsehood. First of all, the Archives does not have a budget that would allow such a large purchase. Second, there is no proof that such records even exist. The Russian government did have a collection of so-called "gendarme records," but these were not about the gendarmes themselves, but about the individuals the gendarmes had to keep under surveillance, such as enemies of the state (e.g. communists, Zionists, fascists). These records were turned over in an electronic format to Hungary, at no cost, but without any organizing software, which renders the material practically useless.

Our website continues to grow. We were able to add many missing pages to the various previously digitalized books, and also added a few more biographies, including the autobiographical book of gendarme 1st Lt. [Béla Lám](#).

The above-mentioned plans will incur a considerable amount of funds, but we feel we have to take advantage of the opportunity to spread the truth about the Hungarian Gendarmerie in an ever wider circle. For this reason we are particularly thankful for those who have made a donation in the past three months to help in this important work of the MKCsBK.

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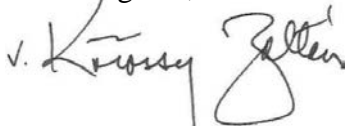
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As always, it is my sad duty to report our recent losses: Frank Spisak, September 2014, Canada. On behalf of the MKCsBK, I extend our deepest condolences to his family.

Please continue to inform us of any event or news that might be of interest to the friends of the Gendarmerie.

Best regards,



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MKCsBK Central Director

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