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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2010 for the Club ended with an excellent Christmas get-together that was held in St Albert Legion. Over ninety members, spouses and friends attended where we enjoyed an excellent meal, good entertainment and fellowship, par to none. This year's planned activities are underway and it is hoped that we get out as many as possible to share in our fellowship; particularly to those special activities noted below.

For those in the Edmonton area, remember our meetings are held at the the Garriosn WO's and Sgt's Mess on the second Monday of every month, with exceptions which are announced as they are required. For those who are on the Club's email listing the Club secretary sends out a reminder at least one week prior to each meeting.

Art Brochu, President



This edition may have missed notices of a couple of our fallen comrades over the past several months, however we do try to ensure all known announcements are mentioned here

within. Regret for those who may have been missed.

McGARRY James, 1 Can Para.

October 21, 2010, Jim McGarry of St. Albert passed away peacefully at the Kipnes Centre for Veterans at the age of 86 years. Jim is survived by his dear wife, Olive; grandchildren: Brett, Darcy, Christy, John and Jody; great-grandchildren: Alexandra and Dennis; his sisters: Kay (Emil), Margaret, Marie (Jack) and Lillian; daughter-in-law, Valerie; Olive's daughter, Yvonne and Yvonne's family as well as nieces, nephews and many friends. Jim was predeceased by his two sons: James and John; his parents: James and Margaret; and his brother, Jack. Jim was a member of the First Canadian Parachute Battalion and served from 1941 to 1945. Jim was also a long-time member of the St. Albert Legion. A Memorial Service for Jim was held on November 5, 2010 St. Albert Legion.

Note: Jim's spouse Olive after having reached the young age of 100 in December 2010 passed away early January 2011.

BASTIAN, Edward (Ted) Lionel, PPCLI. December 12, 2010. Ted joined the PPLCI at the age of 16 and served in Korea. Hew as an active member of the KVA #21, Airborne Social

Club (Edmonton), the PPCLI WO's and Sgt's Association and the RCL #97 Westlock. Left behind to cherish his memories are his loving spouse Betty Newman-Jones as well as a large family.

Others members of the Brotherhood who recently passed, unfortunately no specific details at time of printing.

MILLER Dusty, December 2010

THOMAS Glenn, January 2011

LOWE Gerry, January 2010

MARTIN George, No Date

OSSIDE Robert, No Date

FROM A FALLEN COMRADE

*My helmet, now a halo
Wings replace my chute
To fly amongst the eagles
No Soldier would dispute
No aircraft is needed
To take me to the sky
Your prayers from below
Have lifted me so high
My spirit is my engine
No need to refuel
No runway required
A rainbow's edge will do
No need for maps or compasses
My angels are my guides
Their strength and love have gifted me
To soar the sky with pride
The heavens here are endless
My soul's now free to roam
There is no need to cry my friends
This Airborne Trooper found his home.*

Author Unknown

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As the club secretary, I provide on behalf of the membership notification of

others for all known members who may have been hospitalized or recouping at home. In order to do so I need your assistance in doing this, therefore if you know of anyone who may not be doing well, please let me know so I can pass on to the Club and at the same time provide amenities as appropriate.

I would remind all this is the time for your dues renewals, \$10 yearly. If you have moved or had a postal or email address change please let me know so your club correspondence can be delivered to the correct address. Also, if you know of any member who has moved or not receiving the newsletter contact me at **(780) 457-0646** or email ben.murdock@shaw.ca

Ben Murdock, Secretary

ITEMS OF INTEREST

2011 AIRBORNE MONUMENT CEREMONY

Once again, we have reached that time of year when we need to start planning and preparing for our annual trek to the Airborne Monument at Siffleur Falls Staging Area. The only significant change this year is the dates, 4th to 6th June. Therefore, we will hold the ceremony at the Monument on the 5th. This is not a real change to the protocol, we just wanted to preserve the weekend in the hope it would accommodate members schedules better. Also in the "no change" category are the rates: so I've copied Kelly's message to me on this for your information.

"Hi all! Kelly & the David Thompson Resort crew here! We are privileged and delighted to welcome the Airborne group back with us for the parade with new dates June 4-6. I have updated those who booked last year prior to departure to reflect the change of dates. (You know who you are...) Additionally, we have frozen the pricing to reflect last year's package of 2 nights accommodation, the meet n' greet on the 4th, Breakfast, lunch & steak BBQ on the 5th and breakfast prior to departure on the 6th. **The cost for 2 people is \$424.68 tax, gratuities included. Cost for 1 person in the motel is \$332.24 with tax and gratuities included.** We hope to welcome you all back and know that spring will be here before we know it-it just FEELS like it might take forever with all the snow we've had! Best wishes from our family for healthy and happy 2011 and we will look forward to seeing you soon! **You can reach us at the Resort at 1-888-810-2103** or email info@davidthompsonresort.com Until then! Kelly"

I do not really have to add anything more to this for the moment. I would encourage members of the Airborne Brotherhood - wherever you are - to seriously consider attending this 67th Anniversary of D-Day Ceremony. The originals are getting less in numbers each year...and those of us that follow have a duty to uphold this tradition. Book your accommodation now!

Airborne! Bill Dickson, Coordinator

FIRST SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE REUNION

Just a short notice to remind you that the FSSF Reunion will be held in Edmonton, August 10th to 13th, 2011. The Mayfield Inn has been selected and confirmed as this year's venue. Plans are well under way and I expect firm details on the programme to be forthcoming by the end of February.

To date, we know there will be displays, re-enactment groups, kit shops, meet and greets, happy hours, and a formal Memorial Service on the 13th with a closeout banquet that night. Registration forms will be ready once the program is finalized.

It should be a great affair and gives the Airborne Social Club members the advantage opportunity of attending, by virtue of our location.

More to follow in due course!

NECK TIES

If you are wondering what to do with your ties after leaving the work force, here is a way you can use 42 ties. I had a lady do the quilt for me. Cheers, Bill Tremain



CANADIAN AIRBORNE CAIRN

On September 2006 Canada Lands Company, CLC Limited unveiled a plaza duly named, "The Canadian Airborne Regiment Plaza" within the newly constructed "Village at Griesbach" located on the grounds of the former CFB Griesbach. This area has been dedicated to Canada's airborne military heritage. Streets have been named after notable airborne personalities which overlook a man-made lake where storyboards outline the history of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion, and the Canadian Airborne Regiment, based in Griesbach from 1968-1977.

A proposed addition to this site is a cairn exclusively dedicated to airborne forces. While details are still in the planning phase, the below sketch depicts the planning committee's concept of where the cairn would be situated and what it would look like.

As with all projects, it takes time from concept to final and this one is no exception. No specific date can be confirmed at this time however, it is hoped the final product and decision would be forthcoming in due course. Additional details of plans and status will

be advised as they happen. As indicated, this sketch has been "approved in principal" and although it has met the initial approval process there is still lots of work to be done to get it through the full bureaucratic chain. Details of status will be advised as they become known.

HUMOUR

IS SEX WORK?. A U.S. Marine Colonel was about to start the morning briefing to his Staff. While waiting for the coffee machine to finish brewing, the Colonel decided to pose a question to all assembled. He explained that his wife had been a bit frisky the night before and he failed to get his usual amount of sound sleep.

He posed the question of just how much of sex was "work" and how much of it was "pleasure?"

A Major chimed in with 75-25% in favour of work.

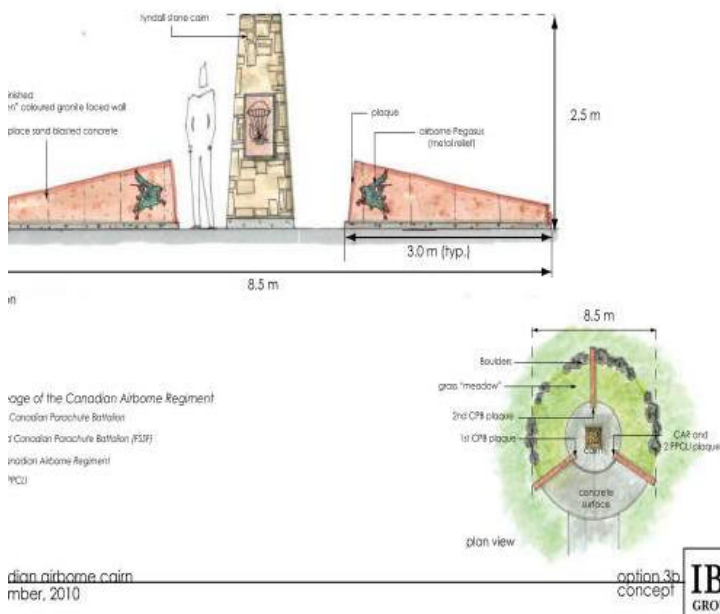
A Captain said it was 50-50%.

A Lieutenant responded with 25-75% in favour of pleasure, depending upon his state of inebriation at the time.

There being no consensus, the Colonel turned to the PFC who was in charge of making the coffee and asked for his opinion?

Without any hesitation, the young PFC responded, "Sir, it has to be 100% pleasure."

The Colonel was surprised and as you might guess, asked why?



"Well, sir, if there was any work involved, the officers would have me doing it for them."

The room fell silent. ***God Bless the enlisted man.***

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

The Club welcomes airborne stories and original contributions to our newsletter,

particularly articles accompanied by photographs or artwork. Articles may be submitted to me at dr.paris@shaw.ca or postal to the Club Secretary. Please ensure that you title it "Newsletter". Published for and/or with your cooperation and support, Dave Paris.

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REGULAR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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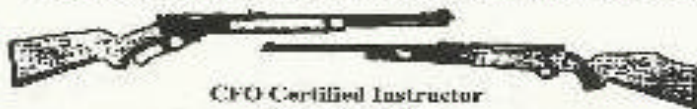
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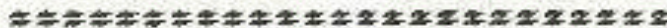
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