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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

This newsletter was originally scheduled to be out in September however, due to several other commitments and activities it had to take the back burner until now. As always, we look forward for any submission you may have as it relates to airborne life, past or present.

PARATROOPER'S REUNION 2023 "EDMONTON, THE AIRBORNE STORY"

This year's reunion, as with previous ones was a great success. Not only was it a success it was much more than what we had envisioned it would be from the very first registration to the last ones that arrived immediately prior to and during the Saturday evening activities. This reunion saw jumpers come from all parts of Canada, the USA and one from Denmark.

The reunion began on Thursday by informal meet and greets at the Edmonton Inn and the St Albert Legion. Both locations had a large attendance.

Early Friday morning as the committee began setting up registration tables, those already in the area began queuing up as they once did for chalk assembly. In true airborne fashion they eagerly volunteered their hands and talents to assist in the setup and preparation, which was greatly accepted. As registration began, one could see small gaggles accumulate in all nooks and crannies of the site as old acquaintances were renewed. This continued well into the afternoon with more storytelling and socializing. The evening's activities continued well on into the early morning hours.

Saturday morning as the parade grounds were being readied, many contemplated if they would survive this early morning parade, after an extended night of happy hour. As time

drew close to march-on, the parade was formed up under the direction of Parade Sgt-Maj Jeff McIntyre who grouped them into guards, under Guard Commanders Major (Ret'd) Dan Davies and Sergeant (Ret'd) Malcolm Thompson. Master of Ceremonies, Major (Ret'd) Laz Tollas did commentary and introductions as the parade formed up. In doing so he announced honoured attendees, such as Maj-Gen (Ret'd) Walter Holmes, City of Edmonton Councillor – Karen Principe, Reunion Padre, Maj (Ret'd) Mark Sargent. He then introduced the oldest recognized paratrooper in attendance, MWO (Ret'd) Marty Clavette, who was slightly older by months to that of CWO (Ret'd) Les Skinner, also in attendance.

Once Jeff had the parade formed up, completed the right dress he then turned it over to the Parade Commander, Col (Ret'd) Bill Fletcher, who called the Flag Party NCO, MWO (Ret'd) Robert (Mac) Torrie to position the Flag Party, all of which were former SKYHAWKS member. Once the Flag Party was positioned, the Parade Commander called the parade to attention as Maj (Ret'd) Mark Campbell, Reviewing Officer took his position on the dais. We were fortunate to have the Edmonton City Police Pipe Band, accompanied by bag-piper MWO (Ret'd) Colin (Spot) Norris provide music during the parade and later in the afternoon's social gathering.

Following the parade, we shared brunch and an afternoon of reacquainting, socializing and military displays and photo session by photographer, Chris Thombs. Check our Chris's photos at:

<https://clients.onestepbeyond.ca/Archive/Airborne-Reunion-2023/>
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Later that evening, Saturday's dinner sitting had close 540, which included both early registrations and walk-ins. Activities began

with Faye Elliott introducing “The Fallen Soldier Table” highlighting the significance of the table and the reading of the poem associated with the table. The unveiling of a Roger Chabot print, titled “Under Canopy” followed with 50/50 draws, a SKYHAWK and Airborne Regiment ice sculpture display. The drawing for “win your registration”, was won by Harold Pineault, Vicki Torrie was the lucky winner for an “Indigenous Drum” created by Richard TwoBears who lives in New Zealand.

The quilt draw, quilted by Mrs June Frail, mother of Mike Frail was drawn. The lucky winner was Finnish soldier, Marko Vanninen, who travelled all the way from Finland to attend the reunion. He and his wife were excited with this win and vowed they would cherish this lovely quilt. This was followed with an information briefing on Cyprus 2024 and introduction of the “youngest paratrooper” in attendance, Pte Derrick Eggleston, who was in attendance with his uncle, airborne paratrooper and retired military policeman Darcy Eggleston.

Once presentations were made, Reunion Chairman, Maj (Ret'd) Don Ste-Croix introduced Guest Speaker for the evening, LCol (Ret'd) Ron Bragdon who gave a historical talk on the airborne history. Once speeches, draws, etc were completed the evening's entertainment/dancing began with music by The Oddibles.

Sunday's activities included an early brunch at the hotel, followed with Memorial Service at the Canadian Airborne Cairn, and move to the adjacent Perron-Berger Park where dedication and unveiling of the Cyprus Plaque was conducted. Presentations were made by Cyprus 2024 Team, Col (Ret'd) James Holsworth and LCol (Ret'd) Ron Bragdon. Several former Regimental members who served during the 1974 Cyprus tour spoke on their time and experiences there. This preceded an enlightening, thought-provoking special presentation by Padre Major (Ret'd) Mark Sargent.

Group and individual photos followed as the reunion activities wrapped up with goodbye's and hugs until we meet again at the next reunion, if not sooner.

Although not officially part of the reunion, on June 6th we gathered at the 1ST CANPARA Monument, “Airborne Monument” at Siffleur Falls where a memorial service was held in remembrance of all paratroopers who were no longer with us. Siffleur D-Day Event Co-ordination Bill Dickson provides details on this in a follow-on submission below.



LAST POST

This edition may have missed notices of departed comrades who passed since last edition. We endeavour to acknowledge those who have passed, regrettably full details are not always known or available at time of publication.

SGT SANDY BOWEN, CD FEBRUARY 7, 1947 - MARCH 27, 2023



A resident of Pictou, Sandy passed away at age 76 on Monday March 27, 2023 in the company of loved ones. He was a son of the late Daniel & Mildred (Hayman) Bowen. At the age of 17, he embarked on his life of adventure

when he joined the military. In his first years of service he joined the Canadian Guards and was part of the parliamentary honour guard. He next served and was a proud member of the Canadian Airborne Regiment and the Princess Patricia Light Infantry (PPCLI) until retirement in 1985. During his service he saw active duty during the 1970 Montreal FLQ Crisis and the 1974 Cyprus War.

Sandy completed specialized courses and training in locations throughout the world. As one family member stated “Uncle Sandy was a badass!” After his retirement, he continued his exploits by taking to the “high seas” as a lobster fisherman with his brother, Stan and tuna fishing with Jackie Bronson. At home, Sandy was quite character. Although he loved his solitude, he always welcomed visitors. He was direct to a fault and you knew where you stood with him. He was not shy with opinions

or curse words as he shared those with abundance. This trait was summed up perfectly when he was given the nickname of "Uncle Sandpaper – abrasive, but loveable". He loved his treats and sweets were always given a good home. He enjoyed passing time with jigsaw puzzles, loved to watch sports (car racing), hockey and golf.

Sandy was predeceased by his parents; a sister, Carol Ann (Martell); a brother, Keith Bowen and a sister in infancy, Harriet Bowen. He is survived by brothers, Dan (Edna) Bowen, Stanley (Linda) Bowen, both of Pictou; Jack (Steffany) Bowen of Edmonton, AB; sisters, Janet Corbett, Judy (Ron) Cormier, Joanne Bowen, all of Pictou; Marilyn (Francis) Hogan of New Haven; and Brenda (John) McKenna of Antigonish.

MGEN (RET'D) BRIAN VERNON, CD
JULY 15TH, 1942 – JUNE 12TH 2023



Happy are the few individuals who leave for work smiling because they're heading to do something they love; that was Brian. From early boyhood, he was fascinated with military history and the study of

war. He went on to become a Cadet LCol in his high school corps. Brian graduated from Assumption University in Windsor where he also completed officer training in the COTC. He entered the Regular Force directly as a commissioned officer a year later.

He began his regular service in the Black Watch and subsequently experienced a charmed career, bounding between operations and command appointments. He later served in the Canadian Airborne Regiment, and Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, all of which enabled him to see most of the world. His principled stand, publicly defending his paratrooper brothers in the early 1990s, ultimately ended his career prematurely. He retired early at age 54.

Upon retirement in 1996, Brian and Jill selected the Comox Valley as their final move.

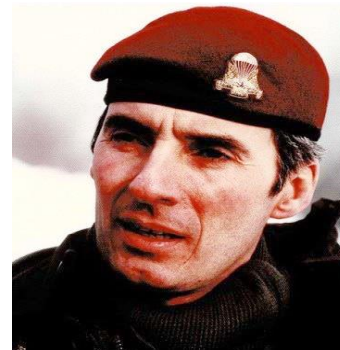
There he could focus on his love of the outdoors - he could cross-country ski, swim in the ocean, ride his bike and garden (under Jill's directions). A voracious reader, Brian never passed a library or bookstore without a significant browse.

Among various post-retirement projects, Brian spent 3 years as BC President of the Army Cadet League. His final military duty was to proudly serve as Colonel of the Regiment (PPCLI) from 2015-2018.

Brian was predeceased by his parents: John and Florence (Livingston). He leaves behind three sons: Michael (Sherri), David (Aurelia), and Anthony (Jewon), sister Gail Sabitz (George) and brother Bruce (Gerry) and his grandchildren: Liam, James, and Matilda.

"Fair winds and soft landings, jumper."

COL (RET'D) JACQUES PAINCHAUD, CD



It is with regret that we inform you of the death of Col Jacques Painchaud, CD (ret), on July 22, 2023, at the age of 88. Originally from Quebec, Col Painchaud enlisted as a private with the

Voltigeurs de Québec in 1952. Over the next four years, he served with the Voltigeurs de Québec as well as training as a CEOC of Laval University. He then leaves the reserve force and joins the regular force as an officer. On October 25, 1956, he joined the ranks of the 3rd Bn of the Royal 22nd Regiment as a Lieutenant.

During his career he served in Germany, Valcartier, Ottawa. He held numerous command and staff positions throughout his career. From July 1976 until June 1977, he was a faculty member at the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College in Kingston. Following this transfer, he was then promoted to the rank of Colonel and took command of the Canadian Airborne Regiment in June 1977. Between July 1978 and July 1980, he held the positions of Director of Land

Operations as well as that of Director of Infantry at NDHQ in Ottawa. July 1980, he was then appointed deputy commander of the 5th CMBG at the Valcartier base. July 1982, he was posted to FMC HQ in St-Hubert as Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations. In July 1984, he was appointed Chief of Staff at HQ Eastern Sector (Militia). He held this last position until his retirement from the Canadian Armed Forces on July 30, 1987, after more than 34 years of service.

**MWO (RET'D) JOSEPH WELLS, CD
DECEMBER 24TH 1947 – MAY 1ST 2023**



It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Joe Wells at the age of 75. Joe will be remembered dearly by daughter Deborah, his granddaughter Kayla and his sisters Cecilia (Chesley),

Patricia (Douglas), Margaret along with his nieces and nephews. Joe enlisted into The Canadian Forces in 1965 and proudly served his country for 37 years. Throughout his career he served with The Queens Own Rifles of Canada, The Canadian Airborne Regiment and The Royal Canadian Regiment with postings throughout Canada, as well as UN Tour in Cyprus. Joe was known for his extreme discipline and his witty sense of humour, he will be deeply missed by family, friends and comrades in-arms.

IAN CAMPBELL MCKENZIE GRANT



It is with great sadness that the family of Ian Campbell McKenzie Grant, formerly of Gibbons, AB, announces his passing on Monday Sept 4, 2023. An ever-loving husband, father, grandfather

and great grandfather, he was born August 14, 1935, in Swift Current Saskatchewan, which he affectionately referred to as "Speedy Creek".

He served in the military under the Airborne Regiment for 25 yrs and met and married his wife Lore while stationed in Germany. They later moved to Canada where they resided in various places in Manitoba and Calgary before finally settling in Gibbons for over 50 yrs, and then most recently the Turner lodge in Fort Saskatchewan.

After leaving the military, Ian became an insulator with Sherritt Gordon Mines, until his retirement in 1990. He was greatly involved in all aspects of the Gibbons Community, where he was a Legion member, Gibbons Recreation Board member, active within the Cubs and Scouts, a chair of the United Church of Gibbons board, and also was a member of the Biped Locomotors Volks Board. Ian enjoyed doing Volk Marches with his wife Lore and they were both volunteers of the Communities in bloom for several years, helping to plant all the lovely flowers around Gibbons that spruced up the community. He also loved and looked forward to the annual Gibbons Town Wide garage sale. Ian was an adventurous soul and always friendly and kind to all. He will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his wife Lore, son Craig (Karen), and daughters Heather (Allen), Corinne (Gerald), and Glenda (Kevin), 8 grandchildren: Janeene, (Duane) Garrett (Brittney), Derek, Meghan (Alex), Kayleena, Dakota (Taylor), Darin and Samantha (Kayden), as well as 9, great grandchildren: Trey, Cole, Cash, Kiera, Kahl, Callie, Cyrus, Issac, and Levi. Also by 3 sisters: Donna, Gail and Dallas (Terry), sister-in-law, Marg, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother, Colin, brother-in-law Harvey and his parents Donald and Louise Grant.

LIFE IS LIKE A JOURNEY ON A TRAIN.

Life is like a journey on a train with its stations, with changes of routes and with accidents!

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents and we believed they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children and even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize that they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy and sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, good-byes and farewells. So we must live in the best way because, when the time comes for us to step down, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

SIFFLEUR FALLS 2023 D-DAY MEMORIAL

After 22 years of coordinating and planning the annual Normandy Peak climbs and D-Day Anniversary memorials, you'd think we'd have this down to a fine-tuned template. At least it started out that way this year. As usual 3rd Bn PPCLI Para Coy support was in place. We had notification of at least four sets of deceased veteran's ashes in place or being brought by family members to the site. Arrangements with David Thompson Resort (DTR) for an accommodation cost break (albeit small) had been negotiated. And all the key position parts for the parade on June 6th were confirmed. We just needed a weather co-op day and members to show up for the ceremony. Add to this, the five-year paratroopers reunion cycle was almost ready to go, with all its parts, Meet & Greet, Parade, Kit Shop, Formal Dinner, Griesbach Memorial and new plaque to the Cyprus Fallen in place for dedication. So, what could go wrong?

The knowledge that the 3rd Bn members were on deck to support both the Reunion Parade and the Siffleur events was encouraging. Then May weather and the wildfires exploded; Para Coy was still up in Grand Prairie supporting the fires and the battalion was in full support of their team. The first message of gloom from Major Prowse (Para Coy) arrived on the May 8th, advising that after the Premier declared a state of emergency over the weekend, Para Coy was sitting on a four hour notice to move and awaiting a mission tasking. They were sent to Grand Prairie soon after. The CO, LCol Schmidt was happy to have them continue to

plan for the Siffleur Falls event and the parade, but fighting fires or supporting municipalities/First Nations in the area was their priority. There was still hope.

The second message of gloom arrived on May 16th, advising based on the fire situation, the CO had to cancel Reunion Parade; but he agreed to a continuation of planning for the Siffleur Climb. A little bit of good news for us here, yet the fires were worsening each day as we spoke. Soon after, I received word Para Coy had relocated to support the Peavine Metis Settlement and based on the tempo they had undergone over the last several months. On May 25th the final message of gloom I was informed the CO directed they would not be participating in the Siffleur climb. It was a decision we had hoped wouldn't be made, and one none of us wanted to hear. It would be the first time in 23 years we had lost the military support for Siffleur events. Realities of the real world.

For the next 24 hours I really wasn't sure what I was going to do. Ten days to go; I had two sets of ashes in my possession; two more sets were on the way. Families of the deceased vets were coming from Ontario, Calgary, Saskatchewan and Kamloops. Some were already booked into the DTR. How was I going to communicate with everyone to get a consensus of what they/we wanted to do? Now we had lost the climb team? I'm on the 85th hole and I don't do this handheld device stuff and video comms links. The last time I was this close to panic, I was in free fall over the Strasbourg, France DZ and had a total malfunction. I survived that, I guess I was going to survive this bump in the program.

On the Sunday prior to the Reunion, I met with Dan Blunden to see if he was up to putting together a climb team for June 5th. In the end, we got together four more vets and two vet's daughters, one who was also an Afghanistan Vet to form the 2023 Normandy Peak Climb Team. Dan Blunden, Kevin Dickson, Ross McGregor, Paul Rodehutsors, Mike Rude, Amanda Blunden and Deborah Jacobs (who took her father's ashes, MWO (Ret'd) JB Wells) and Sparky, Mike's dog. They all departed the 1st CANPARA Monument at 0815 hrs June 5th, after the ashes were blessed by our Padre LCol (Ret'd) Dave Prouse.

It was a beautiful day, and yes all the canopies were open!

The team found a suitable place just below the ridgeline on Normandy Peak to spread the ashes. Before saying goodbye to the deceased, Ross McGregor performed another blessing, by playing Amazing Grace over the ashes with his chanter. The ashes were spread, and after a brief rest, the team began the long journey back down the mountain. A tired but proud group of climbers finally arrived back at the Siffleur Falls Staging Area at 1920 hrs. For those who were staying at the DTR, it was a long night of exciting conversations about the climb and the spreading of the ashes. It was a very successful mission.

D-Day arrived in perfect condition for a parade. Sometimes what the weather is like at DTR in the morning can be completely opposite at the monument in the afternoon. Fortunately, that didn't happen this year, it was a beautiful sunny day. The Alberta Parks team of Logan, Anna and Hailey had the parade area blocked off and the monument area cleared. A small, yet important factor needed for us to have a successful ceremony without worrying about vehicles being parked in front of the monument. An appreciated task they do in support of us each year. The DTR staff delivered the flag poles and chairs for us, another yearly support factor we appreciate. With the sound system in place and the wreaths set up for placing, it was time to ready the parade. RCL Br 271 President Tim Penny mustered the Colour Party and Art Brochu as Parade Commander, formed up the parade. It was time to Honour the 79th Anniversary of D-Day.

This year we were fortunate to have MGen (Ret'd) Walter Holmes take the salute and also address the parade and attendees later in the program. Our Padre LCol (Ret'd) Dave Prouse did the Invocation and I followed by reading the Roll Call of the Guardians of the Mountain. The list is getting longer, and we ended by naming the new additions to the mountain this year - Gordon E. Smith, Keith Holland Metcalfe (both 1 Can Para), Cpl (Ret'd) David Leonard James Blakely, Bob Sawatzky and MWO (Ret'd) Joseph Bernard Wells.

Our Last Post portion was performed by our two superb regulars Bugler Todd Gow and Piper MWO (Ret'd) Colin "Spot" Norris. Without their performance and continued support, it would be a dull ceremony. It was also good to have the attendance and support of veteran's family and representatives from the VPMC, Veterans Voices of Canada and other Legions to assist in placing the wreaths. After a few closing remarks, a ceremony of lengthy preparations, full of disappointments and pit falls was over in a flash. Colours were retired, the parade dismissed and our Club photographer, Dave Paris, whipped this humble gathering into another spectacular group photo. We broke a hundred in attendance again this year. I think it was good parade; end Ex - Siffleur 2023 Events. Again, for those of us that were staying back at the DTR, the night of the June 6th became a session of small gatherings with a mix of conversation on the day's ceremony events, on those past and on what the future has to hold. Some of us reflected on the many blank files that now exist in the Brotherhood, happy that we could continue to honour their memories. With Reunion events, Griesbach and Cyprus Memorial and the D-Day ceremony once again successfully completed, I think we all felt quite happy with the results. The preparations with all its frustration and turmoil were worth the effort, it was a good feeling to toast End-Ex!

A final note, 2024 will be the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. A significant milestone and date in history. My hope is that we can have a really well attended ceremony at Siffleur, complete with representation from VAC, the military and the government ranks. We need to get back for one final time of having a June 5th-7th gathering together, with a large Meet & Greet, followed by a BBQ after the ceremony on the June 6th. Planning for this event will follow quickly over the next months, but what is needed is for the Airborne Brotherhood members, and significant others to get behind this event and plan to commit to attend now!

Bill Dickson, Siffleur D-Day Event Co-ord

MOUNTAIN CLIMB EXPERIENCE

As noted in Bill's article, one of the climbers was Deborah Jacobs, who carried her father's ashes, Joe Wells up the mountain. Because of

this I asked Deborah if she would provide a note as to what the experience was for her. Deborah provided the following:

Dave, here are a few words on my thoughts and feelings I experienced bringing dad's ashes up the mountain. I hope it is what you were looking for, it is hard to put that experience into words.

There are so many emotions attached to this climb. I learned of the climb days after Dad's passing and I knew this is exactly where he would want his ashes scattered since the Airborne was everything I knew my Dad to be. I went the morning of the climb to be there when Dad's ashes were blessed and to say a finale good bye before his journey up the mountain. While standing with everyone gathering and preparing for their climb, I decided I needed to be the one to carry him up. I had never climbed a mountain before but told myself, "I can do this!". I grabbed my backpack and thought, "okay Dad looks like we are going up together!". It didn't take long before I realized how physically demanding the climb was going to be. Having never climbed a mountain before I had no idea what to expect. The climb was long and challenging. There were many times I had to pull from the Airborne spirit and strength my dad had and the amazing group I was climbing with. I could hear my dad's voice telling me to "adapt and overcome ... you got this". The climb was physically one of the hardest things I have done but one of my most cherished. Coming off the mountain I was feeling so many things; exhaustion being one! I felt a sense of closure and comfort knowing my dad would be extremely proud of me for pushing through the challenges and completing what I set out to do. The Airborne brotherhood and family is one that cannot be matched.

Note: Deborah not only had never climbed a mountain before, she also had a medical condition which, mostly likely would never been accomplished, had it not for as she had said, "been for the help and encouragement of her climbing team", and "specifically Mike Rude and his companion Sparky".

Well done Deb, Joe would have been so proud of you and your determination and efforts.

CYPRUS 2024 CEREMONY THE VILLAGE AT GRIESBACH – JUNE 4TH, 2023

Cyprus 2024 commemorated Canada's contribution to the UN Force in Cyprus on the 60th anniversary of the mission, and the 50th anniversary of a forgotten war. For most Canadians, Cyprus was just a peacekeeping mission, unaware that their troops were caught in the middle of a war between two NATO allies. A pilgrimage of veterans and their families will return to Cyprus in November 2024, and the many untold stories of OP SNOWGOOSE and the events of 1974 will be collected. We shall remember the 28 Canadians who died in Cyprus and the sacrifice of all who served there.



Remembrance services will be held in Cyprus and memorial plaques dedicated at Wolseley Barracks in Cyprus, Garrison Petawawa, and Perron-Berger Park, the Village at Griesbach.

This memorial was made possible by Canada Lands for funding the cairn and repair of the monuments, the City of Edmonton and Village of Griesbach for upkeep of the park, the National Wall of Remembrance Association for funding of the plaque, Behrends Group for the design of the plaque (and refurbishment of the Perron-Berger plaque that had been stolen and recovered), and the Airborne Social Club for standing vigil all these years. Special thanks to Captain (Ret'd) Bill Dickson for his leadership in making all this happen.

The dedication on June 4th, 2023, held in conjunction with the Airborne Reunion, was a moving tribute to our fallen with personal memories by comrades of Para Berger and Para Perron. Lest we forget! Col (Ret'd) Jim Holsworth, LCol (Ret'd) Ron Bragdon and

BGen (Ret'd) Andre Corbould, Manager City of Edmonton (and son of the late MGen (Ret'd) Keith Corbould, CO 2 Airborne Commando in 1974), presided over the unveiling. Padre Major (Ret'd) Mark Sargent and Piper MWO (Ret'd) Colin Norris added gracious words and fitting laments.

CANADIAN AIRBORNE MEMORIAL CAIRN 9TH DEDICATION ANNIVERSARY

A few Airborne, PPCLI Vets and wives gathered on the 10th of August 2023, in Perron-Berger Park, Griesbach, for the annual dedication memorial at the CAMC. Highlighted in the remarks this year were the thanks for the return and refurbishing of the stolen plaques earlier this year by Canada Lands, Scorpio Masonry and donation by the Airborne Social Club (Edmonton). The addition of the new pedestal and plaque to the Cyprus Fallen by the 2024 Cyprus Tour Committee was also recognized. We read the Airborne Prayer, observed a moments of silence, followed by the placing of memorial wreaths by Mike Bludd and Art Brochu in Remembrance of the Fallen. The CAMC is for us, we owe it to those gone before us to carry out this annual visitation.

Lest We Forget....Bill Dickson

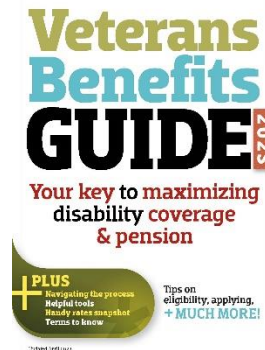
CONGRATULATIONS

Hioko Currie provided this photo of Major (Ret'd) Murray Edwards (PPCLI) who this year celebrated his 102 birthday. Al and Hioko brought Murray a 2023 Reunion mug which



he proudly displays. Murray is a WWII and Korean War veteran and a DZVI member. Murray resides in the Broadmead Veterans Memorial Lodge, Victoria.

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A BIT OF HUMOUR

An elderly couple had been dating for some time. Finally they decided it might be time for marriage. But before tying the knot, they went out for a heart to heart talk over dinner about whether it would really work out. They discussed finances, living arrangements, snoring, and so on. Finally, the gentleman decided it was time to broach the subject of their physical relationship. "How do you feel about sex, he asked, rather trustingly. "Well," she said, responding very carefully, "I'd have to say that I would like it infrequently." The old gentleman sat quietly for a moment. Then looking over his glasses, he casually asked, "Was that a one word or two?"

PARATROOPER'S REUNION 2023

EDMONTON – THE AIRBORNE STORY



SATURDAY'S PARADE





A DAY OF SOCIALIZING



SATURDAY'S DINNER



MOUNTAIN CLIMB TEA GUARDIAN OF THE MOUNTAIN



SIFFLEUR MEMORIAL





GRIESBACH CEREMONY



The Village at Griesbach



Lest we forget...N'oublions jamais...

The 1974 war in Cyprus was a turning point in the Mediterranean conflict and for Canada's long-standing commitment to United Nations operations. Traditional peacekeeping shifted to the new reality of peacemaking.



La guerre de 1974 à Chypre a marqué un tournant majeur dans le conflit méditerranéen ainsi que dans la contribution traditionnelle du Canada au sein des opérations des Nations Unies. Dès lors, le maintien de la paix traditionnel se transforme à la nouvelle réalité du rétablissement de la paix.

It was a deadly time in Canada's peacekeeping history, with casualties in Cyprus, including Para Perron and Para Berger, and the loss of UN Flight 51 over Syria.



Ce fut une période fatale dans l'histoire du maintien de la paix pour le Canada, avec des victimes à Chypre, dont Para Perron et Para Berger, et la perte du vol 51 des ONU en Syrie.

On this 50th anniversary of the 1974 conflict, this memorial is dedicated to the members of the Canadian Armed Forces who served and sacrificed to bring peace in Cyprus, and around the world.



En ce 50^e anniversaire de ce conflit de 1974, ce mémorial est dédié aux membres des Forces armées canadiennes qui ont servi et se sont sacrifiés pour ramener la paix à Chypre et dans le monde.

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CYPRUS DEDICATION



CYPRUS 1974 MEMBERS SPEAK OF THEIR EXPERIENCES DURING THEIR TOUR

