

**AIRBORNE SOCIAL CLUB
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FEBRUARY 2023**



Editor's Message

Over the past months the club has been busy with meetings, Christmas function, AGM and active in the planning stages for the upcoming reunion. Don Ste-Croix, Reunion Chairman and his committee continue with planning stages, all of which are coming together. Now that 2022 is over and with it only being a few months before our reunion, registrations are beginning to arrive from coast to coast, USA and one from Finland.

Forces, Sid worked in Fort McMurray for Suncor until he retired a second time.

Sid spent much of his time with his wife Sally enjoying cruising on his Harley motorcycle and cruising on ships around the world. Sid was a kind and generous man who had a special love for all animals and will be missed by everyone whose path he has crossed.

As per Sid's wishes, no memorial or funeral service was held. The next time you're amongst your friends we ask that you share a story and raise a beer in Sid's name. Fair winds, soft landings, AIRBORNE!

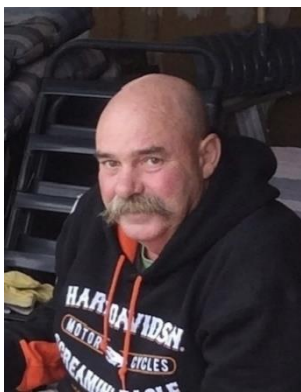


LAST POST

This edition may have missed notices of departed comrades who passed since last edition. We endeavour to acknowledge those who have passed,

regretfully full details are not always known or available at time of publication.

**SID (ALBERT) ESTEY
MAY4, 1959 – NOVEMBER 3, 2022**



Sid leaves behind his loving wife Sally of over 30 years. Sid was a brother, uncle and friend. Sid was predeceased by his parents. Sid spent his life serving his country for over 34 years. He was a member of the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry

and the Canadian Airborne Regiment. During his service he was deployed to many overseas deployments in very volatile areas. He also had the opportunity to train thousands of future soldiers.

After retirement from the Canadian Armed



**JOHN (JACK)
ENOS JACQUARD
JUNE 8, 1939 -
NOVEMBER 4, 2022**

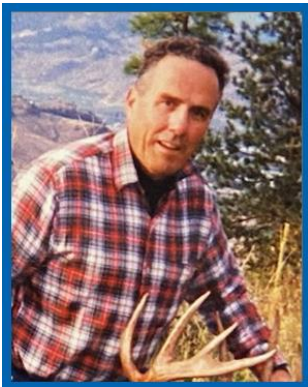
Jack passed away after a brief battle with cancer at the age of 83 years.

Jack was born in Quinan, NS, he was a son of the late John and Margaret Jacquard. Jack was a retired member of the Canadian Army and served proudly with several units, including 84th Independent Field Battery (Royal Canadian Artillery), The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment of Canada), Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, The Canadian Airborne Regiment and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. After he retired, he loved to fish, and camp, especially at the Blueberry Hill RV Park in Athabasca. After a stroke in 2019 he became a resident at Kensington Shepherds Care where he was well looked after by the staff there.

He is survived by children, Keith Jacquard (Janice), Kevin Jacquard (Leslie Applegate),

and Sue Jacquard. Grandchildren Douglas (Danita), Cassandre (Jessie), Johann, Tyler, William, Thomas, Troy and Marcus, great grandchildren Deakin, Kyla, Suri, Chael and Nate. Siblings, Pauline Cottreau, Jenny Cottreau, Geraldine Sweeney, Zelfhie-Ann Surette (Paul), Roy Jacquard (Beth), Danny Jacquard (Ruth), Betty Muise (Raymond), and Genevive Neary (John).

Aside from his parents Jack was predeceased by his loving wife Nancy in July 2021. A Celebration of life and interment was held November 18, 2022, Edmonton.



**ALLAN NOVAK
1938 - 2022**

Allan lost his very brief battle with cancer, and couldn't heal his broken heart from the loss of his wife Christel and son Steven. He was a man of honour, a mentor and the matriarch of the

family. He was a father, son, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather. He was also a respected soldier, peacekeeper, paratrooper and veteran.

Allan grew up in a large family from Cape Breton, NS. He left home at 16 and joined the Canadian Armed Forces, where he rose quickly to becoming one of the youngest Sgt's at that time. During his next 27 years he was able to travel the world, where he met the love of his life Christel, while posted in Lahr Germany. They loved life, and were inseparable. His life was broken when she recently passed. After returning to Canada he was a member of the Canadian Airborne Regiment where he had 186 jumps in places like Australia, Canada, Alaska and Cyprus. He was a Recruitment Officer in Regina, where he travelled the province, welcoming new soldiers to the Canadian Armed Forces. He was so proud when running into them years later.

His final posting was to the PPCLI in Victoria BC, where he was the RSM of 11 Medical Company for 11 years, and RSM to the Nanaimo and Vernon cadet school. He attended the University of Brisbane, where he

was a career counsellor and studied jungle warfare. He lived in extreme weather conditions in Australia.

After retiring Allan worked at VIRCC for 13 years. His final and most recent workplace was Bear Mountain Golf Course. He started as security while the course was being built, then became one of the Marshalls. The staff and members quickly became like family. He just loved to make people smile and laugh, sharing stories of his life. He always spoke his mind, was respectful of everyone and he was also very well respected by his family, friends and communities.



JOHN POWELL

It is with profound sadness and much love that we announce the passing of John on January 24, 2023 after a courageous battle with cancer. John passed away

holding hands with the love of his life, Kathie.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife Kathie, children Sarah, Rayna, & Jill, grandchildren Jack, Levi, Nora, Mason, Brody, August, and Zachary, his dog Wendel, and extended family.

John served with the PPCLI, Airborne Regiment and Canadian Forces Parachute Maintenance Depot.

A celebration of life will be held at Evolve Church 1851 94th Street NW, Edmonton on Saturday February 11th at 1pm. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to causes near & dear to John's heart: **Adeara & Kaleo Collective**

**REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED
WIVES AND PARTNERS**

Not only do we remember our departed airborne brothers and sisters, we also acknowledge the passing of wives and partners who, over the years stood by us as we ventured off to parts known and unknown. Most often, they were mother and father, nurturer, educator and disciplinarian. Many

times these independent women moved themselves and families from one location to another during our absences. Where would many of us be today if it were not for these stalwart women, and for that, we honour their memory.

MARIANNE JANE PITTS
NOVEMBER 29, 1932
NOVEMBER 23, 2022



Marianne was born in Port Nelson County, ON. She graduated from the Hamilton General Hospital School of Nursing in 1955. Marianne had been a resident of Broadmead Veterans Memorial Lodge for 5 years, prior to her passing. She truly

enjoyed the love and kindness in caring that was forever provided by the staff and nurses at Broadmead as they were always willing to go above and beyond.

Special love, caring and attention was provided by her dedicated and loyal friends, Tom and Irmgard Martin.

Marianne was predeceased by her husband MGen Herb Pitts, as well as her son Danny and brother Peter.

Marianne will be missed by her daughter Susan & partner Geoff as well as sons; David & Garry and grandchildren; Sara & Mike.

PARATROOPERS REUNION 2023

As noted in the message above, the reunion committee is active in the planning stages for June. Highlighted to the reunion will once again be the serialized coin which will be given to all registered paratroopers. Additional



coins will be available for purchase on an as-available purchase. More details on the coin purchase will be available once numbers are confirmed.

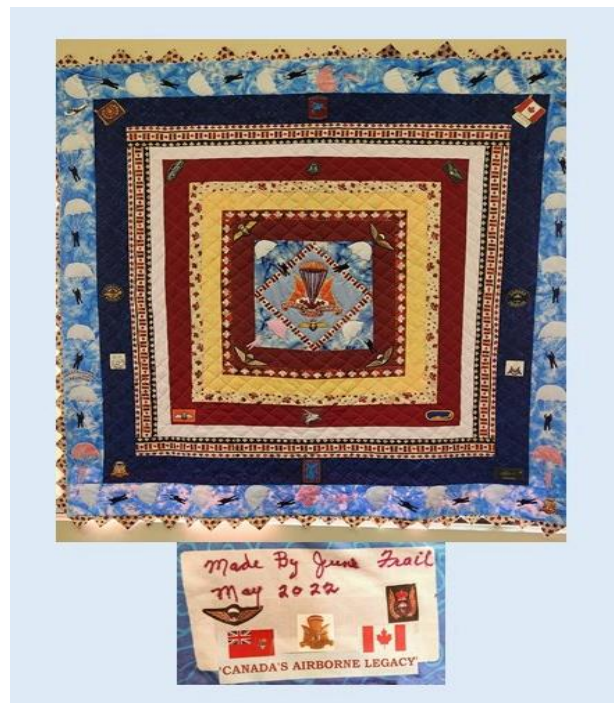
Early registrations: \$150.00 per person (prior to april 1st, 2023), \$175.00 per person thereafter. A special draw will be made during the Saturday dinner where a name from all early registrations will be drawn with the winner's registration reimbursed to a max of two (2) persons they have registered.

Get your registration early for your chance win.

The reunion will commence with a pre-registration Meet and Greet, 1800 hrs, Thursday June 1st (RC Legion Br#271, 6 Tache St, St Albert).

Registration commences, Friday 1000 hrs, June 2nd. All activities, including Saturday's parade will be held at the Edmonton Inn. See below schedule of events for additional details.

Once again, for the second reunion, June Frail, mother of Mike Frail has sewn a commemorative quilt which will be auctioned off during the reunion. June's talents has highlights Edmonton area parachuting over the years.



Raffle Tickets for the quilt will only be available during the reunion.

2023 SIFFLEUR D-DAY EVENTS



It was initially thought we may have a problem with this year's Siffleur events because it follows right after the Reunion in Edmonton.

Some members felt it was too much to plan and dovetail the events, given they followed one another, and also some thought the added expense for both would deter attendance at Siffleur. However, after considerable discussion and checking externally with a number of the membership, I found there were more planning to attend the D-Day event this year as well, than expected. Also, there are a number of family members planning to attend with ashes of their loved one for the Normandy Peak climb to take their place, as with others previously taken up to become a Guardian of the Mountain.

For this reason I'm pleased to confirm "there will be a ceremony and events at the 1 Can Para Bn Cairn at Siffleur Falls Staging Area covering 5th and 6th June 2023". The events will be modified somewhat with "no formal Meet & Great and no BBQ built into the planning". This means booking arrangements for accommodation, or campsites, is all that is included in booking with David Thompson Resort (DTR). In other words, you eat at the restaurant, or bring your own rations! That said, given there will be no M&G and BBQ included in a package deal this year, I asked DTR if they would give us a break on the accommodation aspect only for our members and families. They agreed and the following is the rate they have given us for this year and the "Link and Group Code" for us to book under. Please check following link: <https://us01.iqwebbook.com/DTRAB921/> and use the **AIR23 for your group code.**

Airborne 2023 -TTL W/Tax Per Night Based on double occupancy for two

Room-Que -	\$178.51
Extra Pax	\$22.45
Pet Charge	\$22.45
15 Amp Power Only	\$48.67
15 Amp Full Service	\$55.16

I recommend if you plan on staying at DTR on June 4th, 5th or 6th that you book your accommodation soonest. There is a partial block booking set aside for us, but once the DTR opens in mid-May rooms and camp spaces will likely go fast! If you do encounter problems booking, address your problems thru booking@davidthompsonresort.com Again, remember, the DTR does not open until mid-May so any confirmation responses may be delayed.

In regards to 3PPCLI's participation this year, I have met with the reps from Para Coy, and discussed their participation plans on the Reunion Parade, the climb on June 5th, and for the ceremony June 6th. They are being kept up to date on all outgoing information related to all these activities, and will be fully participating, barring any operational commitments that would prevent their involvement.

For anyone bringing ashes for the 5th June climb, they must be at the Siffleur Falls Staging Area at 0700 hours on June 5th. Note, if any family members wish to join the climb team, they do so at their own risk, and we would like to be advised who they are prior to the climb.

If there is a requirement to have ashes sent separately for the climb, they must reach me by June 3rd as I depart Edmonton for the DTR on June 4th. Contact me at abn339@shaw.ca to confirm/make these arrangements.

As a final note to our "modified ceremony" at Siffleur this year, I think the Airborne Brotherhood and associated members are quite capable of organizing a Meet & Greet at DTR, without it being part of a formal program! I look forward to seeing you all, both at the Reunion and at Siffleur this year. Stay well and have a safe journey.

Airborne!

Bill Dickson, 2023 Siffleur Event Coord/MC

CYPRUS 2024 PILGRIMAGE

The Cyprus 2024 Pilgrimage will be conducted in November 2024. Its mission is to commemorate Canada's contribution to the UN peacekeeping mission in Cyprus on the 50th anniversary of the 1974 war. Info and updates are available by joining the Cyprus 2024 Facebook Group Cyprus2024.

The Cyprus 2024 Committee intends to capture, in a professional way, as many oral histories as possible of the personal experiences of Veterans of the 1974 war in Cyprus and wishes to ensure that anyone who may wish to join us in Cyprus in 2024 will have the opportunity to do so.

The organizing committee for the Cyprus 2024 reunion has set a goal to collect and archive the personal stories of members of the Airborne Family during the Regiment's deployment to Cyprus in 1974. The call is to all members who deployed to Cyprus, served on rear party as well as spouses and partners.

Interviews will be collected "online", using the ZOOM app, or in person at selected venues i.e. Airborne 2023 Reunion in Edmonton, CYPRUS 2024 Reunion in Nicosia. Other venues may be selected at a later date.

To move the project forward, we are looking for "volunteers" to be interviewed over the next few years. As we all know there is a sense of urgency to this project as our memories fade and our numbers dwindle.

As an example, this is the basic information we seek:

Name: Phil Tweedie

Rank & position: Lt, Pl Comd

Unit: 2 Cdo, E Company, 10 Platoon

Deployment to Cyprus: 29 July

General area of operations in Cyprus: Camp Kromburg, Green line OPs west from Pedious River

Planning to attend the Reunion in Edmonton,

June 2023: Yes, with my wife.

Planning to attend the Reunion in

Cyprus, November 2024: Yes, with my wife.

Current location: Orillia, ON

I stress this is a preliminary list to help us plan the oral history project. Much more detail will be provided as we "get our act together." If you have 'buddies' who were there, please forward this information to them or give them my contact email address.

There are multiple email addresses associated with the CYPRUS 2024 project, use thetweed@gmail.com for oral history. I'll acknowledge receipt of emails but will be unable to respond individually until I have a better distribution list and more information to pass on.

We look forward to hearing your stories online or in person. Airborne.

As noted above the Cyprus 2024 committee will be available and make a presentation at Reunion 2024.

PETE SPENCER AWARD RECEIPTANT 2022

The club, on an annual basis recognizes and presents The Pete Spencer Award to a member who during the year has been singled out for their dedication and support to the club and the airborne brotherhood. This year's recipient was Ben Murdock. Club President Michel Crepeau presented Ben with the award at the Christmas Party.



Ben not only, during 2022 but over many years of service and dedication to the club was a valued member, always promoting the airborne brotherhood, whenever or wherever he could. Ben previously served on the executive as secretary, membership, Hospital Rep, 50/50 Draw coordinator to mention a few.

Congrats Ben, and on behalf of all members of the club and airborne soldiers past and present; your service has been greatly appreciated.

VETERANS PARATROOPERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB (VPMC)

Our Social Club is very fortunate to have the support of the VPMC over the past years. The VPMC has been active in recruiting membership and supportive to all the Social Club's activities. Not only does the bikers support our club, their support members are active helping in all areas that they can, such as helping with 50/50, help in setting up for socials and parties.



At the Christmas Party, Club president, Michel Creapeau presented Lisa Wheeler with her VPMC Support Badge. Well done Lisa and thanks for your dedication and support, not only to the VPMC but also your presence at the Social Club activities.

BRANCH 271 LEGION DONATION

Branch 271, St Albert Legion has over the years given, on a no-cost basis their premises as a meeting place to our club. This past

December, during th AGM the club voted to make a donation to the Legion in appreciation of their generosity.

As a member of the club executive and Legion member I attended the Legion's monthly meeting and on behalf of the club presented the dontation to Legion President Tim Penny.



Additonally, as a good will gesture, the club voted to hold "an unofficial Happy Hour" on the first Friday of the month at the Legion. This, hopefully will enchance business and possibility increase Legion membership.

VETERANS FOOD BANK - EDMONTON

The AGM, for the second consecutive year voted to continue a \$50 a monthly donation for the year 2023 to the Edmonton Veteran's Food Bank and asked our membership to support the Food Bank in their drive to defeat homelessness and help our veterans in need.

Others wishing to make a donation or support the Food Bank may do so by contacting the Food Bank through the following link:

<https://veteransassociationfoodbank.ca/>



**REGISTRATION FORM
PARATROOPER'S REUNION
"EDMONTON - THE AIRBORNE STORY"
JUNE 2ND - 4TH, 2023**



NAME: _____
(Preferred Name To Be Used)

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ / **EMAIL:** _____

**REGISTER EARLY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN BACK YOUR REGISTRATION
(MAX OF TWO PERSONS FROM YOUR REGISTRATION)
DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SATURDAY DINNER**

Early Registration: \$150.00 Per Person (Prior to April 1st, 2023)

\$175.00 PER PERSON AFTER APRIL 1ST, 2023

Number of registrations required: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Name Of Spouse (Or) Accompanied Person(s): _____ / _____ / _____

**MAIL REGISTRATION
AND MAKE PAYMENT TO:
PARATROOPER'S REUNION 2023
BOX 71034
9308 - 137 AVE NW
EDMONTON, ALBERTA T5E 6J8**

**NOTE: PAYMENT BY
CREDIT CARDS
NOT AVAILABLE**

**E-TRANSFER THRU:
Sharon Skwarchuk
sharonskwarchuk@gmail.com**

Reunion Location:

Edmonton Inn & Conference Centre Hotel

11834 Kingsway NW, Edmonton, AB T5G3J5

<https://www.edmontoninn.ca>

Toll Free: 1-888-747-4114 / Local Tel: 780-454-5454 /

Fax: 780-453-7360

E: reservations@edmontoninn.ca

The hotel has established a per night reunion rate of \$99 Standard / \$109 Deluxe for June 1st to 4th inclusive.

Advise you are making reservation for "AIRBORNE REUNION"

ANY PERIOD PRIOR TO OR AFTER THESE DATES TO BE NEGOTIATED INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE HOTEL



Email: airborne-reunion-2023@shaw.ca

Web: <http://www.airbornesocialclub.ca>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/552488172635068>



Airborne kit shop items will be available for sale,
including a Reunion 2023 Serialized Commemorative Coin





REUNION 2023 – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
JUNE 1ST, 2ND, 3RD & 4TH
(ALL ACTIVITIES IN THE WILDROSE BALLROOM)



JUNE 1ST – THURSDAY

1800 hrs: Pre-Registration Happy Hour
 (Location: RC Legion Br#271, 6 Tache St, St Albert)

JUNE 2ND – FRIDAY

1000 hrs: Registration Begins
 1200 hrs-Closing: Meet & Greet, Deluxe appetizers and pizza,
 Kit shop and “Hero Shots” Photo Studio

JUNE 3RD – SATURDAY

0930 hrs: Parade Form-up. Rear Parking Lot – Edmonton Inn
 1000-1100 hrs: Parade
 1130-1330 hrs: Lunch
 1330-1800 hrs: Afternoon socializing, displays, kit shop
 and “Hero Shots” Photo Studio
 1800 hrs: Cocktails and Silent Auction begins
 1900 hrs: Dinner (no dress restriction)
 1940-2000 hrs: Cyprus 2024 presentation
 2000-2020 hrs: Unveiling of official print by Roger Chabot
 2020-2040 hrs: Guest Speaker
 2045-2130 hrs: Band/Dance (1st Set)
 2130-2200 hrs: Closing of silent auction, 50/50 and quilt draw
 2200 hrs-Closing: Band/Dance Until Closing

JUNE 4TH – SUNDAY

0800-1000 hrs: Complimentary Breakfast
 1100 hrs: Memorial at the Airborne Cairn (Griesbach) and
 Dedication of the CYPRUS 2024 Cairn. Details to follow.

