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CFPM Newsletter

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This newsletter marks my first anniversary as CFPM, and I am pleased to report that it has been a busy, interesting, and exciting year, which has met and exceeded my expectations. As I am sure you have come to expect, much has transpired since the last newsletter in April including various visits, retirements, and the ever-evolving deployment of our professional cadre of MP around the world, across the broad spectrum of policing operations.

Over the last several months we visited MP Detachments and units in Trenton, Kingston, North Bay, Borden, Edmonton, Goose Bay, and Gagetown, each visit with its highlights.

In North Bay we were able to secure a tour of the underground complex, which was fascinating, from an historical perspective. In Edmonton, we visited the CF Service Prison and Detention Barracks, CFNIS and 1 MPU. Major Hanrahan and CWO Day and I participated in a ruck march with the troops and attended a return from Afghanistan event for 1 MPU, as well. I am consistently impressed by the calibre of MP we meet on our visits, as well as the number and types of recognition they receive for their service at home and abroad.

Not to be outdone, our members have received a remarkable number of commendations, medals, and awards; both from policing duties and exceptional service. MCpl Richard Anderson received the Medal of Military Valour (MMV), and MCpl Dustin Girard and Cpl Sheldon Crawford received Mention in Dispatches for their actions in Afghanistan. In addition, a number of CDS and VCDS Commendations were



Master Corporal Richard L. Anderson, M.M.V.  
Petawawa, Ontario and Bathurst, New Brunswick  
Medal of Military Valour

also awarded to members working with the MP Branch.

We continue to make every effort to move the MP governance yardsticks forward. This issue is presently at the DFSR, and I expect to see movement in late June or early July on this issue. In addition, the CFPM HQ continues to address the issues of MP jurisdiction (in places such as Gagetown), the standardization of MP equipment, and MP selection.

Planning remains in good hands for the Second Annual Military Police National Motorcycle Relay Ride (MPNMRR), which will start on August 17, 2010 in Comox and end September 10, 2010, in St-John's, going west to east this time. This year the MPNMRR will raise money for the MPFBC and for Wounded Warriors, an endeavour which has engaged Cpl Stone on an overseas promotional tour.



DGPFSS folks are happy to have Cpl Stone visit and brighten their day.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the new MP branding is available on our intranet website for download and use. The thematic walls are now at all at their designated locations, where any local unit can borrow them for events. I have had several opportunities to distribute my own personal CFPM coin and look forward to continuing with that activity.

In coming weeks and months, there will be a number of changes in senior appointments. I want to mention two of them at this time. Maj Hanrahan, my Executive Assistant, will be leaving the office in July for pre-deployment training as she will be deploying to the Regional Training Centre, Kandahar, Afghanistan. LCol Bell is on pre-deployment training now and will be deploying to Kabul in August where he will take over Col Lander's position as the technical advisor to the Minister of the Interior.

Finally, as is the general practice for uniformed personnel, at this time of year, we anticipate that members of the MP Branch will embrace their new responsibilities and ranks in some cases, and will continue the great work that has won this Branch the accolades from Commanders across the board, proving that we are Canada's Frontline Police Service.

### ***From the Branch Chief:***

On 17 Jun 10, the CFPM and I attended the QL6B course where the CFPM spoke to those in attendance about the future of the MP Branch. While there, the CFPM had the opportunity to promote 14 Snr NCOs to the rank of Warrant Officer/Petty Officer 1st class.



Outside the mess in Borden, during the QL6B mess dinner.

Later that night, the CFPM was the guest of honour for the QL6B training mess dinner

with 217 diners in attendance. The PMC, Sgt Colleen Wright from Halifax, brought back some of the old Mess traditions in that there was much banter and jocularly going on with many challenges being proposed and fines allocated. The PMC decided that if you wished to use the washroom, you needed to send a note to the PMC and she would let you go for a minimal donation of \$25 to the MP Fund for Blind Children. Mr John Hosegrove challenged CWO Hamm \$80 as to whether or not he was wearing his pajama shirt under his Mess Dress jacket. CWO Hamm, being a good sport, accepted the challenge, subsequently donating \$160 to the Blind Fund. LCol Rob Delaney, not to be outdone by CWO Hamm, serenaded the crowd when he sang a Johnny Cash song, without music, for a significant donation to the Blind Fund.

Even young Cpl Mercier of QL3 Crs 0062, who had the misfortune of sitting between myself and CWO Hamm, had a good time. The CWOs were quick to mislead the young Cpl on "Mess Traditions" and later coaxed Cpl Sequin into responding to a challenge to stand on a table in the bar and sing his version of the "Milk Shake" song. Priceless.

As this was the first "Homecoming Weekend" being held at the CFMPA, many former MP attended the Mess Dinner. It was good to see some former members such as Larry Pace, John Corbett, Phyllis Vivrais, Joe Claus, Wayne Kendall, John Hosegrove, John Styman, "Doc" Aldridge, Trevor Read, to name a few. Also, it was a pleasure to see our civilian comrades there, Insp John MacDonald, RCMP, Chief Tim Poole from Wingham Police Dept and some OPP members. I must apologize to those who I and the CFPM did not have the opportunity to speak to, but please understand, when you are working in a room of more than 200 people; it's hard to get a moment to see everyone.

In closing, after all was said and done, not only was almost \$650 was raised for the MP Fund for Blind Children, but a good time was held by all who had attended. This evening will be remembered by many for a long time as one of the best mess dinners they had attended. My thanks to the PMC, VPMC and organizing committee.