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## **CFMPA HOMECOMING 2010**

### **ACADEMY STAFF MAKE MP HOME STATION FEEL LIKE HOME!**

**“Bravo-Zulu! Thank You! Merci!”**

I am not sure if there is any other proper beginning to start a written account about CFMPA Homecoming 2010. But Major Greenway, Norm (CWO Rooker), your staff and students were gracious, helpful, and made all of us proud.

From an excellent Mess Dinner Thursday night, to Friday's 1MPPLA Captain Fred Rogers Memorial Golf Day, and Saturday's Town Hall meeting with a Veterans Roundtable that followed, the Academy opened its doors and made personnel available where required. The facilities at Heritage Hall, the gun and driving simulators, and student displays very much impressed us all, and kudos to MCpl Murphy, NCO IC Bar during Homecoming, who ensured that many a thirsty traveller was well looked after. Homecoming was a success because of you people...

#### **Thursday's Mess Dinner**

Homecoming started off on the heels of a very successful and highly entertaining 6B Course Mess Dinner. This year's attendance, about 214 all



handy as she went out of her way to organize and run the Rogers Golf Day and truly enjoyed every minute doing so.

So without further adieu:

-The Fred Rogers Golf Day Champion: Major Karl Heck, 2 MPU Toronto. (See below) -The Pointsman: Joe "Square Toes" Claus. Joe was truly on his game, though according to John Styan, he gave Joe a gift. John states that he retired after the fourth hole so Joe would have a chance to win a trophy. According to JW, Joe needs all the luck he can get on a golf course. - Dot Cooper Ladies Champion: Jocelyn Ross. Col Dot Cooper was the first female posted to the 1 MP PL in Calgary, and deserved to have the Ladies Championship named after her. Col Cooper was very gracious in her presentation to a long time golfing rival. -Gary Faubert Non Intentional High Score Award: Trevor Reid. Actually being honest with your score during any MP Golf Tournament is a novel idea at the best of times. Congrats Trevor! - Longest Drive: Dot Cooper. Men, tip your hats to greatness! - Closet to the pin: Dick Courtmanche. A great start to a great Homecoming for Mr Courtmanche!



Major Karl Heck, currently the DCO with 2 MPU in Toronto, was DCO back in 1981 with the 1 MP PL in Calgary, with CO Captain Fred Rogers. To be the Fred Rogers Champion, Karl very much appreciates the honour.

Moving to Florida next spring, Major Heck will be able to impress his new golfing buddies as

### **Friday's Meet and Greet at Heritage Hall:**

Oh, how we could name drop! CFPM Col Tim Grubb, CWO Rick Day, Col Dot Cooper, Major Greenway, CWO Norm Rooker, Larry Pace, Dell Blakney, Jean Pellerin, Bill Patterson, Alex Jones, Major Karl Heck, CWO Glen Rideout, Les Hessian, Dick Courtmanche, Trevor Reid, Joe Claus, John Styan, Col Steve MacDonald, Sgt Phil MacKinnon, Leo and Carol Bernard, Joe Hubert, Joe Hart, Joe Plourde, Danny Fischer, and so on, and so on... A real whose who of the trade past and present eh?

It became clear that if one positioned him or herself near a doorway at Heritage Hall throughout this evening, you would be witness to a continuous parade of MP trade legends and their accompanying stories. The old Provosts were well represented, as too were the old MP Field Platoons of 1Calgary, 2 Petawawa, 4 Lahr, & 5 Valcartier. The Branch proudly answered the "Homecoming call", from the Provost Marshal to a couple of serving members who just arrived home from Afghanistan and decided to join the festivities.

Serving Regulars and Reserves, academy staff and students, Veterans...all ranks.

One of the highlights was the presentation of the trophies for the Captain Fred Rogers Golf Day (see results a/m section), and one special presentation was made to 1MPPLA President JB Hosegrove for all his hard work and deep thought. Norm Rooker had the honour of presenting John with a trophy to mark the occasion, the first trophy he has ever won at a Rogers Golf Day. So not to spoil the opportunity for John's pride to show through, we will leave you to ask John your self (if you cannot wait, see below).



To those of us that have known and worked with John over many years, and on the many, many projects, we all know that it does not matter where JB is; his mind is always thinking, going a mile a minute. The small "Outhouse Award" represent to many of us where JB does his best thinking.

### **Saturday's Town Hall Meeting:**

The last minute schedule change did not damper the enthusiasm of the 30 plus that attended a very informative and impressive presentation by the Branch. Col Grubb gave a "State of the Branch" update, as well as those in attendance were given a sneak peek at an excellent new recruiting video. A question and answer period that discussed everything from building the new academy and moving the cenotaph along with it, the challenges that the new recruits face in today's world, to the academy bringing back some of the "Old School" history and traditions.

Especially for the Veterans the idea of a "Branch recognition pin" for those that served under the 20 years is still very much being considered, and the Branch is also working on completing Association badges and identifications for the members, and that the plan will be unveiled very soon.

The academy staff and students put on demonstrations on both their new shooting and driving simulators, and some of the attending veterans got a chance to try their hand. Those that did get on the shooting simulator especially wished that it had been around when we went through because simulator guns

are easier to clean. The final demonstration by the students on how today's MP's handle a vehicle take down and use of force. The professionalism the students showed was appreciated by all, and made a lot of us think on how we would do on patrol if we had to today.

### **Saturday's Veterans Roundtable:**

About 12 of the attending veterans got together to discuss issues relating to the MP Branch, and the many Associations affiliated with the Branch. Doc Aldridge and Steve MacDonald facilitated, which identified some of the major problems, and came with some ideas that Steve was going to present to the CFPM and CWO Rick Day:

#### 1. Communications:

One thing was certain; we have to start improving our veterans' abilities to find information. It was expressed that there quite a number of others that would have been here had they known about this event in enough time. Though CAMPvets was well recognized, and has bridged a gap for past members and the Branch, there are still many that are not aware of its existence or purpose. The suggestion was a central voluntary register of former and current serving Branch members that would be used only for passing Branch information along.

#### 2. One Association:

There has long been the ideal situation where the Military Police have one all encompassing association for all members to belong to. Yet, there is also a realization that this is not going to happen any time soon for many reasons. Steve MacDonald briefed those in attendance on a modified Old Guard idea (from a couple of years ago). It was also pointed out that Homecoming was a combined effort of the MP Branch, the Academy and the 1MPPLA with some assistance from the CMPA. Admittedly the CMPA needed to be more actively involved. Maybe a Lesson learned.

In the short term, there will be more combined efforts between the two associations, and others (as per CWO Day at the Town Hall meeting, there are approximately 38 various associations and groups affiliated with the MP trade) will be invited and welcomed to participate.

#### 3. Work more with the Academy.

Deal with it. The "excuse" used by many a past member to mask their apathy that "today's serving members are not interested in associating with retired or past serving members". This past Mess Dinner and other activities this weekend begs to differ. Some other ideas being:

- a. It was asked if the Branch had designated the Academy as the "Home Station of the Military Police Branch". Make the Academy the historical and heritage focus of the Branch, and promote it (Museum etc) as our MP cousins to the south promote their Home Station;

- b. Create more opportunities to mix. (It was envisioned by Col MacDonald for Homecoming 2011 to be made an annual event, combined with the MP symposium, 6B Mess Dinner, the Rogers Golf Day, Meet and Greet, Town Hall and concluded with a Regimental Ball or Cotillion).
- c. Create Advisory Council made up of veterans and past members available to the Academy at their need or request.
- d. Drop the ORG designation, it is demeaning to many. Use Veteran, Retired or Past Member or Members. Many governments have created new definitions of a veteran. If our elected officials, who the Forces work for, have recognized you as a veteran, then who are we to argue.

**Note:** One idea was popular was to organize on a Saturday, with every TQ3 course that comes through the CFMPA a day where Veterans would come to the Academy and challenge the TQ3's on the various simulators, and other skills and activities. A fun day that would also be one of history, heritage, and tradition and mixing of young and old.

### **Saturday's Vancouver Island Draw and Steak Supper:**

With a lot of us running out of steam, Saturday was again a good meal, good friends and comrades, and the excitement of a draw for a Vancouver Island Cruise compliments of Mr. John Zigarlick, a former Military Policeman and successful businessman who just wanted to give back a little something to the Branch.

**John, his wife Gloria, and Vince & Lois Vincent will host a 5 nights (4 day cruise). The only stipulation was that the winners must get themselves**



**“The Reward”**

The draw at Homecoming proved to be very popular amongst in attendance. The winning tickets were drawn by John himself and the winners are...



Dot Cooper

Mr John Zigarlick

Richard Courtmanche

Both Richard and Dot were also trophy winners at the Fred Rogers Golf Day. Guess some people do know how to live right! Nothing official as of this writing, but the date for the cruise for our winners was rumoured to be Aug 8-13<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped they have fair wind and calm seas, and lots of good stuff to write about (and pictures!) when they return.

From all of us, we wish to recognize MCpl Greg Pole of 31 MP PL, who became NCO IC food and BBQ. He single handily took the purchase, prep and cooking of the hot dogs, hamburgs and steaks over Friday and Saturday. He also ensured that an old tradition was kept up, that of the Night Shift On Duty sharing in on our supper. Surprisingly, we were informed that it is now rare that anything goes up to the Duty Shift during a function. Mostly because money is handed out with an eyedropper. It took a couple of calls (Guess it took the Shift IC some convincing that this was not a joke) but the duty patrols came and picked up enough for a good feed for all.

Second, congrats to Mr Jean Pellerin, your new "Screw Your Neighbour" Champion! ("Screw Your Neighbour" is a card game once popular in many a guardroom. Kind of like Combat Bridge). Doc Aldridge's four-year run is now over. Fair and square, the games were played by the Marquis of Queensberry Rules and under the Dale Bates rule (No load weapons allowed at the table).

### **HOMECOMING 2010: AFTER ACTION REPORT:**

Since the conclusion, two main areas need to be addressed:

- a) Earlier promotion date. Some of our members working in the private sector must have their vacation requests by January. A decision to hold, and dates needed to be posted; and
- b) The Kit Shop. It was not open for this weekend, though many asked about it. Slipped through the cracks. We apologise and will ensure it will be available during other events.

## Thank You:



- Mr Peter Marshall, Duncan Leggett, and the Peterborough Crew who brought the vintage jeeps that honoured us during the Mess Dinner and Homecoming week. They brought back many memories.
- MCpl Tim Murphy, WO Kluge, and Sgts Parsons and Cormier, the Heritage Hall Bartender Fraternity. Not a whistle went unwet. A real feat considering the bunch attending!
- Major Greenway, CWO Norm and the Staff and Students of the Academy. Our future looks very bright indeed.
- To the old Provosts who continue to inspire, the old field platoon alumni who did not steal anything out of Heritage Hall (at least nothing yet), and to Col Tim Grubb, CWO Rick Day, and the Military Police Branch. Our reasons to all come together, for rolling the dice on this project and helping to make it successful.
- And to Dell Blakney, the MP Branch's version of mass communications...



Pictures are available on the 1MPPLA website:  
<http://www.thepointsman.ca>



**W.O. Gaetan Roberge**

**“2010 Ride for Heroes”  
Saturday, August 14th, 2010**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “2010 Ride for Heroes” Event is being held Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 with the Motorcycle Ride starting in Wingham, and ending at Area Support Unit (ASU) London Wolseley Barracks. Participants will be invited to enter a “Show and Shine” in the late afternoon, and a “Barbeque and Social” Saturday night at the Warrant Officers and Sergeant’s Mess.

The 2010 Ride for Heroes will honour Warrant Officer Gaetan Roberge, 45 years young when he fell to a roadside bomb doing a security patrol December 27, 2009. He was a proud member of the Royal 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment out of Valcartier PQ, the famous “Vandoos”. It was members of the Military Police who served with WO Roberge in Afghanistan that submitted his name for the “Ride For Heroes” because this man was truly a Hero to all who knew him and served with him. In WO Roberge’s honour, the 2010 Ride For Heroes will set up a scholarship in his name at a secondary school in his hometown of Sudbury, ON.

Last year’s 2009 Matt Dinning “Ride for Heroes” and other private donations established a scholarship at Madill Secondary School in Wingham that will be a fitting legacy to Cpl Matthew Dinning for many years to come. It was Cpl Dinning’s father Lincoln Dinning, who asked that future “Ride For Heroes” be opened it up to honour other fallen heroes. We believe the 2010 Ride For Heroes honours Lincoln’s unselfish wishes.

**Registration Information:**

Motorcycle Rider \$30.00 and Passenger \$10.00 (both include \$5.00 BBQ Ticket) Sponsored @ \$100.00 (minimum pledged). No Charge Rider Fee plus will receive a BBQ Ticket Other Vehicles: \$50.00 per vehicle (no BBQ Tickets/no charge per passenger). Antique/Classic vehicles that will participate in the Show and Shine Display, there will be no vehicle fee

**“2010 Ride For Heroes” C/O Pte. Kristina Davis, 2 MPU Section, 701 Oxford Street East, London ON, N5Y 4TZ, Tele: 519-660-5269**

Registration information: [rideforheroes2010@execulink.com](mailto:rideforheroes2010@execulink.com)

Website: [www.thepointsman.ca](http://www.thepointsman.ca)

## **Proposed 2010 “Ride For Heroes” Day Schedule:**

Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

1900 to 2400 hrs: Meet and Greet at the Legion, Wingham ON

Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010

8:00-am/0830 hrs: Breakfast and Registration Legion, Wingham ON

11:30 am /1130 hrs: Registration Wingham Arena

1:00 pm/1300 hrs: Ride Leaves for AREA SUPPORT UNIT LONDON

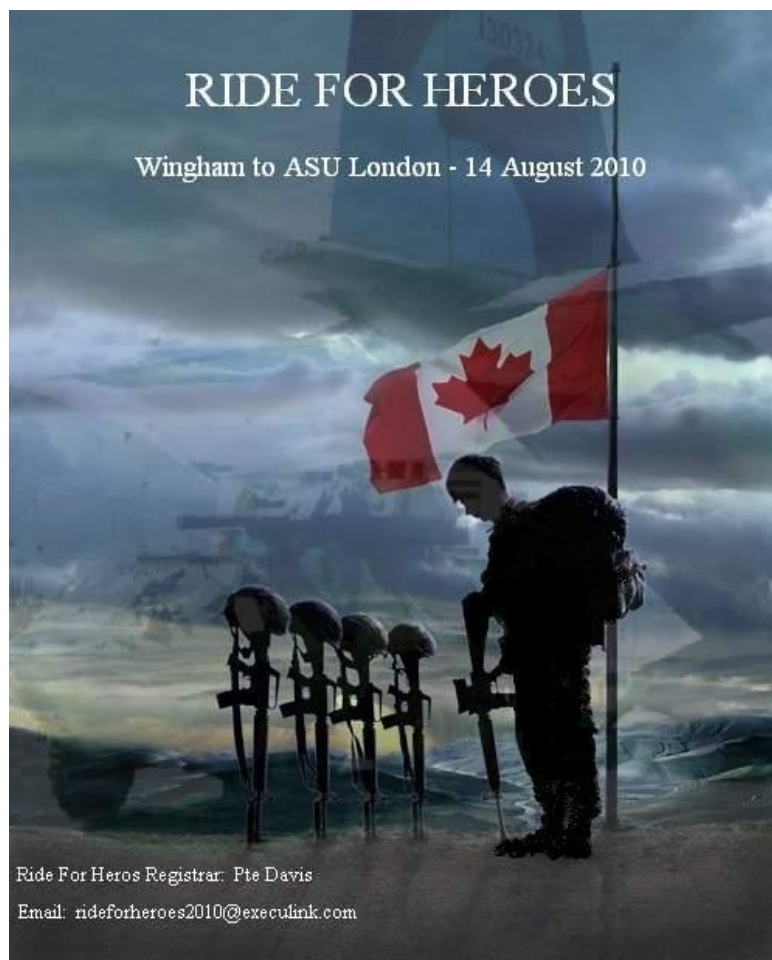
3:00 pm/1500 hrs: Arrival at ASU LONDON

3:30 pm/15300 hrs: Memorial Service for All Our Fallen Heroes

4:00 pm/1600 hrs: Motorcycle Show and Shine, Military Exhibits

6:00 pm/1800 hrs: Barbeque supper

7:00 pm/1900 hrs Social at the Warrant officers and Sergeants' Mess.





**P.E.I. MP  
COFFEE CLUB  
LOBSTER  
SUPPER**



The Retired PEI MP Coffee Club Group has scheduled it's Annual Lobster Supper for 1600 hrs, 14 August 2010, at the Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant, Rustico, PEI.

The Group is providing an open invitation to All Serving & Retired Military Policemen/women to join them for Supper (Wives/Husbands/Partners Welcome)

This Social gathering simply means that if you are on the island and can attend it would be their pleasure to see you there. In order to reserve the required amount of seats, please advise Ed Prebinski (prebinski@eastlink.ca) Carl Delaney (carl.delaney@pei.sympatico.ca) and JC Dionne (johnnydionne@yahoo.com) no later than 7 August 2010 of your intentions to attend.

Note: No other activities are planned in conjunction with this Supper.



#### Charity Golf Tournament

2 Military Police Unit Detachment Kingston will be holding a charity golf tournament on Fri, Sept 17 2010, and the profits will benefit the Military Police Fund for Blind Children (MPFBC). The MPFBC was founded in 1957 and has a proud history of assisting children with visual impairments. You may view the MPFBC website at [www.mpfbc.com](http://www.mpfbc.com) for further information.

The tournament will be held at CFB Kingston Garrison Golf Course.

The tournament  
Friday, 17 Sept 10

#### Format

\* A field of 112 players in teams of 4, singles welcome

- \* Possible shotgun start at 0830 hrs with at least 72 players
- \* Texas scramble

#### Fees

\$85 per entrant (GST/HST included)

Fee includes

- Green fees
- Steak or chicken meal
- Prizes

First ten teams Golf Carts are covered

Power carts available add \$15

#### Closing date

deadline is 28 Aug 10.

Entry Forms can be received by email, by fax, or in person at the 2 Military Police Unit Detachment Kingston.

Sincerely

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MPFBC tournament 2010 flyer.doc

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Should you wish to participate forms should be up on our website within the week, or send an e-mail to [admin@thepointman.ca](mailto:admin@thepointman.ca) and we will forward it along



2 MP Det London MP's and Staff invite you to a reunion for all MP's, Cmre's and civilian staff who have served/worked at CFB/ASU London over the years. So if you were Provost Corps or MP you are all welcome.

We are using the websites

\*<http://www.thepointman.ca> (New 1MPPLA website) and

\*<http://www.sheba-imports.com/mainsite.html>

to promote this event and post updates. So please forward any information and ask that they contact Dave Bawden, who is creating a database of names addresses, phone numbers and emails to keep everyone posted.

DATE: The weekend September 10th/11th 2010

WHERE: Warrant's and Sgt's mess (already booked)

EVENT: This an informal event with a catered "Pig roast", a Meet and Greet and perhaps a Golf Day for those interested...

ACCOMMODATIONS: As most of you know this is a very limited resource at the ASU, so we will also be contacting local hotels and see if we can get one of them to come up with a reduced price for the Friday and Saturday. I realize that it is not always possible for some of you to plan that far ahead, (taskings etc) but as we get closer to the date, we are going to need an RSVP so we can calculate any cost associated with the barbecue etc and get those funds in.

In the meantime Cheers and hope to hear from you soon.

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8 WING, TRENTON ON 24 & 25 September 2010

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary year of the RCAF Police and Security Services Cairn at 8 Wing, Trenton, Ontario a rededication has been proposed. This juncture would represent a significant milestone in our efforts to keep the memory of the RCAF Police and Security Services alive. In the ten years since the original commemoration we have lost many familiar faces; so this occasion gives us, collectively, an opportunity to remember them. It is also a time to recognize the evolution of policing services in the CF and look to the future. All former Air Force Police, Provost Corps, Shore Patrol and former or serving

Military Police are cordially invited to attend the rededication ceremony at 8 Wing.

Our ceremony will take place at the Air Force Police Cairn, National Air Force Museum of Canada, Trenton, following the 15th annual Ad Astra Dedication Ceremony being held at 8 Wing, 25 September 2010, to consecrate newly laid 'Ad Astra' stones.

The National Air Force Museum of Canada will be hosting a display of former Air Force Police, Provost Corps and Military Police memorabilia, showing the evolution of the Military Police Branch to today. For further information please visit the Canadian Military Police Association (CMPA) website @ which will be updated as information becomes available. Our Salute to all the Guys and Girls that served with the RCAF Police.



All who served in/with the MP Section:

Please be advised that the September Luncheon will be moved from Saturday to Sunday and will now be held at 1300 hrs Sunday. This move is in recognition of the CFB Trenton RCAF Rededication being held on Sep 24/25th. This will allow our former RCAF members to attend the Trenton Memorial and if they still have some steam left to join us on Sunday. It will also perhaps give some others who are travelling to Trenton from afar to also take an opportunity to visit the Kingston MP Luncheon Group.

On behalf of all those who contribute to the success of the Kingston MP Luncheons we wish our Brothers-in-Arms former RCAF and serving members with Air Force affiliation a very successful event and encourage anyone who can attend to make an extra effort to make this RCAF 10th Anniversary Event Special.

### **JUST A COUPLE OF ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. No, it does not signal the "End of Days", but Phil MacKinnon is now a Sergeant and headed to North Bay! Congrats "Grey Skull"...
2. Money raised by Homecoming 2010, about \$550.00 after all the bills were paid, is going toward a carved copy of the MP Hat Badge for the MacDonald School for the Blind in Brantford ON. The 1MPPLA, using the wish list proposed in the April Sitrep, would focus on making these three wishes come true, and honouring Col JR Stone, founder of the MP Blind Fund.