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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2021**

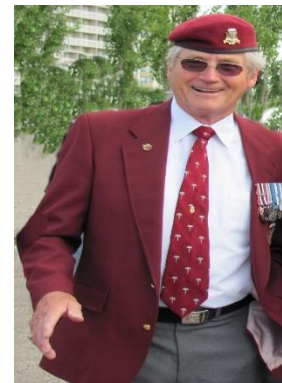
With 2020, ending one can only hope and pray 2021 will be a year unlike the one we are now leaving. It really goes without saying 2020 has taken its toll on virtually everything and everyone, the club being no exception. The club, was handcuffed by not being able to conduct normal activities, unlike previous years. Regular meetings and social activities were cancelled or conducted with social distancing and masking requirements in place.

Keeping with "*Lest We Forget*", the club did carry out two very important ceremonies. The first being the annual "D-Day Memorial Ceremony on June 6th unofficially referred to as "Siffleur Falls 2020 - The Pandemic Parade". On September 8th, we paraded to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion Cairn dedication. Both ceremonies were well attended. The club received many notes of thanks and praise for not letting COVID keep us away from remembering those who paved the way for the airborne soldier of yesterday and today.

During November, we did carry out the AGM where initial planning activities was discussed and confirmed for Reunion 2023. During this meeting a motion was put forward for the club to make a \$50 a month donation for a period of one year to the Veterans Food Bank (Edmonton). This motion was adopted by a 100 percent in attendance vote.

LAST POST

This edition may have missed notices of airborne comrades who passed since last publication. We try to acknowledge all those who have passed on regretfully, though full details are not always known or available at time of publication.



Leander (Lee) Drover , 82 December 5, 2020

KIT PRICE LIST - WHILE SUPPLIES LAST - (SHIPPING ADDED OUTSIDE EDMONTON ZONE)

AB Vests \$55/\$25 Limited sizes
Golf Shirts \$35/\$20 Limited sizes
Ball Caps \$15/\$5
Bumper Decals \$5/\$2
AB REGT 50 Decals \$3/\$1
50th Anniversary AB Reunion Coin \$25

Regular Kit List Price

AB Anniversary 12 oz Coffee Mugs \$10
AB Ball Caps \$15
AB T-Shirts (Large Wing) \$15 Limited Sizes
AB Toques \$20
AB Regt Cap Badge \$15
AB Ties \$25
AB Blazer Crest \$20
AB License Plate (HY Plastic) \$20
CDN AB Jumper Key Chains \$5
AB Hoodies (Large wing) \$55 Limited sizes
AB Sweat Shirts (Large wing) \$30 Limited
AB & CDN Desk Flags \$10
Paratroopers - The CDN Story DVD \$10
CDN Para Wings-Metal Red/White \$10/\$12
CDN Para Wings-Cloth Red/White \$5/\$8
Pegasus Patch Pair \$10
Pegasus Pin \$5
Never Leave a Brother Behind \$3/Velcro \$5
Vets Kick Ass Decal/Patch \$3/\$5.00
Dual Qualified Para Wings \$10
AB Lapel Pins – Various \$5/\$10
AB Decals/Bumper – Various \$3/\$5
AB Western Buckles-Variou Design \$30/\$35/\$40
AB Marked Rescue Knife \$40
AB Regt Replacement Coin \$25
CDN AB Memorial Cairn Coin \$25
20th Anniversary 1CANPARA Cairn Dedication Coin \$25
CDN AB REGT 50th Happy Anniversary Plate \$25
Engineer “UBIQUE” Metal License Plate \$25
Engineer “CHIMO” Metal License Plate \$25

Roger Chabot's Prints (Limited work)

Op Varsity \$80
Airborne Sunrise \$100
Clan That Never Sleeps \$85/\$110
Pegasus \$55
Night Raiders of Anzio \$65
Out of the Clouds \$60
Out of the Clouds (Giclée) \$130
Frozen Hell \$60
Frozen Hell (Giclée) \$150

Eight Minutes to Midnight, By Robert Bailey. Limited Quantity Left

15 x Remarque \$450 (with 6 D-Day AB Vet signatures)
25 x D-Day Edition \$295 (with 5 D- Day AB Vet signatures)
25 x Airborne Edition \$270 (with 4 D-Day AB Vet signatures)
50 x Artist Proofs \$250 (with 3 D- Day AB Vet signatures)
250 x Limited Editions \$195 (with 2 D- Day AB Vet signatures)

Books

War Diary of the 1st CDN Parachute Bn \$50/\$40
In Search Of Pegasus, limited stock \$30
In The Line Of Duty (Somalia) \$5
Beyond Danger Close (2 Bn PPCLI Kapyong) \$10
CDN AB Wings & Para Badges \$25
The Bulletproof Flag -'74 War in Cyprus \$25
Hook Up - CDN Airborne Compendium \$32.95/\$25

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77th Anniversary D-Day Ceremony June 5-7, 2021 Siffleur Falls Alberta

In the hope that the current pandemic situation will change by next year, the David Thompson Resort (DTR) has committed to open for the 2021 season. Accordingly, I have arranged with DTR for us to again hold the subject ceremony thru the period June 5-7, 2021 at their facilities.

The following are cost arrangement settled on for the 2021 season for the Airborne community.

Rooms are \$139/night plus tax for a total of \$155.68/night. This rate is based on a 2-night stay. So, with meals (not including lunch on the 6th June) for two guests for the 2-night stay, the package as follows:

The room is \$311.36 and meals for two would be \$232.20 for a total of \$543.56

The rates for the campground sites are \$36.75/night plus tax \$39.69

The Meet & Greet will take place on the evening of June 5th and the BBQ will take place on the evening of June 6th, with both events taking place in the Bubble Tent, as in previous occasions.

The DTR has placed a block-booking period for the Airborne until May 5th, 2021. After which there is no guarantee, and you are on your own to book accommodation, if available.

Reservations may begin anytime through: booking@davidthompsonresort.com or the website: www.davidthompsonresort.com

The Group code to use: **AIR21** and should be identified in the Special Request Section. The DTR phone lines will reopen on April 1st, 2021. To make reservations **1-403-721-2103 (or) 1-888-810-2103.**

Obviously, with the current situation still in a state of uncertainty, any plan we put forward could change by next year. That said, I think it is still important to go ahead with a plan to hold this ceremony in 2021. If the winds of change come up and we get a “Stop Drop”...so be it, in the meantime, I encourage the membership to get behind this plan and make your bookings. The dates never change for this event, so there is no excuse not to make long-term plans. The recent 20th Anniversary Ceremony of the Dedication of the 1st Canadian Parachute Bn Cairn was a huge success. We need to ensure we do not let those Airborne brothers and sisters, who went before us, down by making the 77th Anniversary Ceremony of D-Day a success too!

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HUMOUR CORNER

This is by far one of the funniest I have seen in a while. Click on the link or cut and paste, you will enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFvIvUOSQfg>

VETERANS FOOD BANK (EDMONTON) DONATIONS

MARK MICHIEZ MAKES DONATION ON BEHALF
OF Dave Paris presents the Club's monthly donation
with \$500.00. CIVIL WAR (1861-1865)



Disclaimer: As usual all spelling and grammatical errors have been left in for the amusement of you, the reader!