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Presidential Ponderings

Bob Vincent - President NCR LAD # 104

We have some good news at last. The Officers' and Snr NCOs' Mess at the Holland armoury on Walkley Road are now open for functions and we will be able to have our first in person gathering on 10 December at 7pm. This first gathering in two years will be a social evening in the form of our annual bottle draw. A friendly reminder to bring your bottle donations. An email with details has been sent to LAD 104 members. Covid protocols will still apply.

Here's the pondering part. Now that we are approaching a new normal, do we wish to go back to the way the LAD operated before the pandemic? Zoom Meetings had advantages including the fact that attendees didn't have to travel. There was a downside in that all the intangibles which are part of meeting in person and maybe having a drink together are missing. My doctor once pointed out to me that while virtual meetings were convenient, she missed a lot of potential information from cues that one gets when meeting in person such as seeing how a person moves or walks. I think we should graduate to a hybrid model - Winter business meetings on Zoom, Guest Speakers in person etc. I would certainly appreciate member feedback on this.

The Holiday Season is approaching and may even be here if one is in the right spirit. I encourage everyone to get their flu and Covid-19 shots. Those of us who qualify for a third Covid shot should get it as soon as possible. Our risk increases as we spend more time indoors, so let's protect ourselves.

I wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, particularly Phil our VP and Editor, Terry our Secretary and Treasurer, and Howie our Zoom master for all their help in getting us through 2021.

Bob

Secretary/Treasurer's Perch

Terry White

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2022

Membership Dues cost \$24.00 per year.

Starting in January 2022 Lad 104 will be collecting membership dues for 2022. Your dues may be submitted by cheque, electronic transfer (e-transfer) or cash to the Secretary/Treasurer. If e-transfer is used be sure to send the Secretary/Treasurer a separate email with the password.

You may submit your dues directly to the Guild in Borden, but you should inform the Secretary/Treasurer so that we can claim our proportion of dues back from the Guild.

In the new year will be requesting our portion of membership dues for 2021 from the Guild. In 2021 our membership was 49 paid up members and 2 lifetime members.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas

Terry

An address from our RCEME CORP Senior Regional Representatives for the NCR

It is an honor for us to have a chance to address the NCR LAD in this edition of your newsletter. As the Senior Regional Representatives of the RCEME Corps for the NCR, we believe the Local LAD is an incredible asset, as it offers a central point for RCEME retirees and the larger RCEME Family to gather (virtually or face-to-face), share information on ongoing activities of the RCEME Corps and leverage the experience from all. The LAD serves as a conduit between active and retired members of the Corps, as a reliable resource for the LAD to communicate with serving members. We hope that the LAD has provided you all with something to lean on when needed, especially in the last year and a half, as the pandemic has put extra strain on our lives in so many ways. This network offers inclusiveness

with something common to all: respect and love for the best Corps the Canadian Armed Forces can offer, and we hope that this network has provided you with a sense of security in these hard times.

Finally, we hope to be able to engage with some of you in upcoming events. If you would like to reach out to us, we suggest you do so via your LAD Executives, but we have also included our contact info below if you ever wanted to reach out to us directly.

We look forward to meet you at the Christmas social event scheduled for 10 December 2021. Have a great holiday season and stay safe.

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SOME FINAL THOUGHTS... well why not? That's an editor's prerogative.

Phil Whitehead Vice President NCR LAD 104

The last couple of years have been trying, to say the very least. What is worse, we're not out of the Covid woods yet either, so it is necessary to remain vigilant, look after ourselves both physically and mentally in order to safeguard our well being as well as your happiness.

With black Friday in the rear-view mirror and the holiday season stampeding toward us, happiness can tend to be distorted a bit, especially when faced with the onslaught of financial opportunities associated with gift giving stress.

It is worth remembering that happiness is not having everything that you want. Rather, happiness is appreciating what you already have. Take the time to enjoy the present, be gentle with each other and above all, strive to be happy.

Phil