

30 April 2011

To All RCEME Apprentices;

From 1953 to 1968, the RCEME Apprentice program was one of the most important training plans ever adopted by Canada's Military.

This year, our **final** reunion will be held in Kingston/Ottawa and this invitation is open to all Ex-Apprentices and their families, as well as Apprentice Training Company instructors and staff.

Please join us one last time to renew old friendships!

DATES: 14, 15, 16 October 2011 (Fri., Sat., Sun.)

LOCATION: Day's Inn Conference Centre
33 Benson Street, Kingston, ON
Tel. Direct, (613) 546-3661
Toll Free reservations, 1-800-267-7888
www.daysinnkingston.com

REGISTRATION COST: **Full registration is \$150.00 per person**

(The registration charge covers hors d'oeuvres at the reception, dinner, wine and entertainment, farewell breakfast, hospitality suite, special commemorative coin for each Apprentice in attendance, gifts, door prizes, printing, name tags, shipping of memorabilia and all administrative costs).
The registration fee **DOES NOT** include hotel reservations.

Registration payments **MUST** be made **not later than 15 July 2011**, as deposits are required by the hotel and dance band

PROGRAM:

Fri., 14 Oct. 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. **Meet & Greet**, casual dress reception with cash bar in the Ballroom Salon A.

- (The “**Meet and Greet**” reception will be open to any RCEME personnel for a small charge of \$30.00 to cover the cost of additional hors d’oeuvres. This will allow everyone to visit old friends). **(Please share this information with all of the “old timers” from RCEME in the Kingston area).**

Sat., 15 Oct. 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Private dinner** with wine service in the Grand Ball Room. (Jackets & tie or business suit, medals are encouraged).

8:00 p.m. -???? **Introductions, announcements** signing of the RCEME Apprentice commemorative flag, entertainment, dancing, tall tales, war stories and lies! (With **special guest speaker**, Major General (Ret’d), Lewis McKenzie).

Sun., 16 Oct. 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Farewell breakfast** casual dress in the Grand Ballroom Salon A, before travel to Ottawa.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Commemorative Ceremony** at the National Military Cemetery (in the Beechwood Cemetery), 280 Beechwood Avenue, Ottawa, ON. The ceremony will consist of the dedication of the Apprentice Tree and Plaque of Remembrance at the entrance to the National Military Cemetery

At the conclusion of the Commemorative Dedication Ceremony, everyone is invited to a farewell reception at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Dan Lyle, 63 Priam Way, Nepean, ON.

Additional Information:

The Days Inn is located near the corner of Division Street and Hwy. 401 in Kingston. **The daily rate negotiated for RCEME Apprentices is \$119.00 plus taxes.** These rates are for both single or double occupancy. **A block of 40 rooms** will be held until **14 September 2011**, after which the unreserved rooms will be released.

You must make your own hotel reservations by phone, (613) 546-3661 or toll free 1-800-267-7888 and **specify military reunion** for Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) Apprentices.

25% Via Rail Discount; is available for Military Veteran's travel. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 1-888-842-7245 and **quote discount code 12070**, or contact www.viarail.ca/en/canadian-forces and go to "how to buy." Note that military veterans identification will be required.

10% West jet Discount; call 1-877-952-4696 to make reservations Monday to Friday only and **quote account # CC6847** for our travel discount.

Budget Auto Rental; call 1-800-220-0485 and **quote #U306603** for our car rental discount and specify "Veteran's Reunion."

Hospitality Suite will be available throughout the reunion where you can relax and enjoy meeting old friends. (Times and location will be announced during the Meet & Greet).

Special Memorabilia Display and Commemorative Legacy Coins; will be available at the reunion. Each Apprentice will receive one commemorative coin with his name and platoon number engraved. (**Additional coins** for children or grandchildren **must be ordered on the reunion registration form** not later than 15 July 2011).

Table of Honour and honour roll of deceased Ex-Apprentices will be displayed where families are encouraged to display medals, photos and memorabilia.

Brochures and maps of areas of local interest in Kingston will be available for those who wish to visit or stay on for an extended holiday.

Please share this letter with **anyone** you know who is an RCEME Ex-Apprentice. If more information is required please contact:

- L. (Tex) Leugner, (403) 932-7618) or e-mail texleug@shaw.ca (in the west).
- Dan Lyle, (613) 828-8879 or e-mail danflyle@sympatico.ca (in the east).

To ensure that our planning can be completed early and flawlessly,

Please register today!

Simply complete the Reunion Registration form enclosed and include your cheque for the appropriate amount.

Come and re-visit Kingston, where the Apprentice program began. This is your "Last Chance" Apprentice Reunion! Arte et Marte.

We'll see you in Kingston and Ottawa, Ontario!

L. (Tex) Leugner (12 Platoon)
Organizer

RCEME Ex-Apprentice**Green Flash Reunion****Reunion Registration Form**

NAME (INCLUDE FIRST NAME)

PLATOON #

ADDRESS

NAME OF GUEST (REQUIRED FOR NAME TAG PREPARATION)

TELEPHONE ()

E-MAIL ADDRESS

SINGLE REGISTRATION.....\$150.00

DOUBLE REGISTRATION.....\$300.00

INCLUDE \$15.00 FOR **EACH ADDITIONAL** LEGACY COIN REQUESTED FOR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN.(**SEE BELOW**).NOTE: REUNION REGISTRATION AND ACCOMPANYING PAYMENT MUST BE MADE NOT LATER THAN **15 JULY 2011**.

HOTEL DINNER SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED" BASIS!

Send reunion registrations and payment cheques,
Not later than 15 July 2011,
PAYABLE TO: "Green Flash RCEME Reunion"
 C/O L.(Tex) Leugner, Unit 9 – 8 Riverview Circle
 Cochrane, Alberta T4C 1X1

