



ASSOCIATION UPDATE

January 2010

President's Message:

This Update is the start of our continuing communications effort. Our aim is to keep the entire Engineer family, regular, reserve, and retired, aware of our plans and activities. We hope to issue an Update every few months.

Our website www.cmea-agmc.ca continues to provide up to date information about Association and military engineer news, including CHIMO Communiqués, celebrations, successes, awards, as well as tragedies, obituaries, and history.

If you like what we're doing, join us. If not, let me know.

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Communication: a two-way process in which there is an exchange and progression of thoughts, feelings or ideas towards a mutually accepted goal or direction.

Since our last briefing:

- ❖ A new executive is now in place to take the Association into the 2010's.
- ❖ Utilizing input from the CME CWOs Conference and the Branch Council, we produced our "The Way Ahead" document. Our top three priorities in the short term are: Communications, Chapter Rejuvenation, and Welfare/Esprit de corps.
- ❖ The OPIs for these urgent issues are: Communications – John MacPherson; Chapter Rejuvenation – John Lesperance; and, Welfare/Esprit de corps – Wayne MacCulloch. They will require your assistance to accomplish their goals.
- ❖ A new budget has been proposed and will be approved at a mid February meeting of the National Executive Committee.
- ❖ In an effort to brand the association, several proposed logos have been produced. Once we have narrowed down the list to two or three choices, input will be sought from members.
- ❖ CWO (Ret'd) Mac Torrie represented the Association at the funeral service for Sgt Miok of 41 CER and placed a wreath on behalf of the Association.
- ❖ As part of our Esprit de corps effort, we are considering providing all new Military Engineers with engineer belt buckles, uniform buttons and badges.

Chapter Update

- ❖ Kingston – has met on a couple occasions since last November including a meeting with engineering students @ RMC.
- ❖ Victoria – had a lunch meeting in mid January
- ❖ Chilliwack - assisted 54 ES with support to their personnel in Afghanistan.
- ❖ There has been interest in forming a new Association Chapter in the Okanagan / Thompson area of BC
- ❖ Engineers in other areas, e.g. Edmonton, Toronto, Gagetown, are working to re-invigorate their Chapters.

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