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Distribution List

Warning Order – Liberation of Holland Battlefield Study Tour

Background

In conjunction with the C&E Association Heritage Committee our C&E Branch continues to offer interesting opportunities to our members. These activities have included historic briefing packages for professional development, C&E Museum support for unit displays and artifacts, and access to Museum archives to assist in researching heroes and missions. As an additional focus, Commanding Officers were encouraged to research and write their unit history and appoint a unit historical officer or NCO to foster written articles, capture photos, research our heroes and their accomplishments and connect with C&E veterans and identify and maintain C&E/Signal memorials and graves in their area.

C&E Battlefield Study Tour May 2020

One of the main ways of celebrating our history and heritage is the conduct of significant battlefield studies with emphasis on how Signals played a critical role in the operational success of major Allied operations. One of these significant events was operations throughout northwest Europe and specifically the efforts of the Canadian Armed Forces in the liberation of the Dutch people from the yoke of Nazi occupation.

Building on the success of the Vimy 2017 Battlefield Study Tour, your Branch is planning another impressive program for a C&E Battlefields Study Tour that will take 100 serving (regular and reserve), retired and associate members of our Branch on a Battlefield Study tour of the Netherlands to understand Canada's military role and to celebrate with the Dutch people the Liberation of the Netherlands in 1945. The Battlefield Study Tour is planned for 30 April – 10 May 2020 and will include events such as the visiting the Airborne Museum at Arnhem, understanding the Canadian role in the major Operations Veritable and Blockbuster, participating in Liberation Day ceremonies in Apeldoorn and paying our respects at two cemeteries with significant importance to Canada – Groesbeek and Holten.



The Branch will reserve 100 spaces on this Study Tour with 50 seats dedicated for highly deserving junior members (e.g. Cpl, MCpl, Lt), to be nominated by Branch units. The costs for the participation in this professional development Study Tour by the 50 deserving members will be subsidized through sponsorship and fundraising. This program will be an opportunity for our sailors, soldiers and aviators to study Canada's military contribution to one of Canada's most significant military achievements and educate our young members of the military on the legacy for which they are picking up the torch. Participants will have a read-in package that will focus on C&E contributions to our military operations in the Netherlands and specific battles.

Seats Allocation. Initial planning allocation of these seats has been done using the percentage of where C&E Branch personnel are currently working:

<i>Grouping</i>	<i>Initial Seats Allocations</i>	<i>Point of Contact</i>
Canadian Army Units	23	Col Mark Parsons Director RCCS
Royal Canadian Air Force Units	6	Col Nick Torrington-Smith CELE Colonel, RCAF
CFIOG Units and Detachments	4	Col Dave Yarker Comd CFIOG
Others (ADM IM less CFIOG, CJOC, CFJSR, VCDS, etc.)	13	BGen Patrice Sabourin DGIMO
C&E Branch 2018 and 2019 Member & Subaltern of the Year	4	CWO S. Levac Acting Branch CWO
<i>Total</i>	<i>50</i>	

The above allocation will be managed through the members of the Branch Advisory Council (BAC). Units are expected to coordinate their participation through their BAC representative listed above. The BAC member will have until 25 January 2019 to indicate to the Branch Office that their organization(s) are interested and are willing to sponsor and nominate deserving members on this Study Tour, in accordance with above allocation and that they are prepared to assist units in their \$2500 fundraising efforts. Units do not have to make their selection of the individuals at this time. **However, a decision on the total number of Branch serving members participating will have to be made by 30 April 2019.** The final name selection will be done later in 2019 most likely in November 2019 when the Travel Agent will need to make the flight reservations, which will require passport information.

Costs of the trip: Netherlands 2020 Battlefield Study Tour

The cost for the Land Only Tour Price will be approximately **CAD \$3,600 (TBC)** per person in double occupancy (single supplement: \$900 – limited availability).

Price includes:

- ◇ breakfasts and lunches
- ◇ all travel by coach bus
- ◇ accommodation as shown in the itinerary
- ◇ services of historian/guides

Additional costs:

- ◇ return airfare (see below)
- ◇ all dinners
- ◇ travel insurance
- ◇ items of a personal nature (beverages)
- ◇ cost of obtaining a valid passport

Airfare costs from most major Canadian airports (Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto etc,) is estimated at **\$1100-1200(TBC)**, dependent on group rate and departure point. Final cost will be determined in early 2019. Therefore, the total cost for the tour will be approximately **\$5000** per person, plus any personal expenses.

Unit Commitment and Trip Subsidies:

Public funds are not available for this C&E Battlefield Study Tour. The Branch Fund and the Military C&E Museum Foundation will initiate a major fundraising campaign to subsidize the cost of sending the highly deserving members on this trip. A fundraising campaign will be established that should allow the Branch Fund and the Foundation to subsidize up to **\$2000** for each of the 50 deserving junior members of Branch units participating in this Battlefield Study Tour. In addition, the Colonel Commandant's Team and the Foundation will assist units with local fundraising and sponsorship. It will be the unit and nominated deserving member commitment to fundraise and provide the additional **\$2500**, to cover the costs of each member participating in the Study Tour. It is recommended that the deserving junior member contribute **\$500** of the total cost, primarily through payment of those meals, travel insurance, and miscellaneous personal expenses that are not included in the tour package. In addition, the nominated deserving junior member must be an active contributor to the Branch Fund (through pay code P070) or a donor to the Museum Foundation. Donations can be made to the C&E Museum Foundation, Box 17000, Station Forces Kingston ON, K7K 7B4 or online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/14172> : select - Support for C&E Battlefield Study Tour Liberation of Netherlands 2020 and indicate unit sponsored in Text Box.

The C&E Battlefield Tour Command Team will develop a detailed Op O to initiate and coordinate this major program. The C&E Association Heritage Committee will coordinate to provide a detailed Professional Development Package to support the C&E Battlefield Study Tour commemorative events.

The Branch members are reminded that in addition to the subsidized group of 50 junior members, we will offer 50 seats to retired and serving members who will participate in the Study Tour and pay their own way. Interested personnel will need to book with Merit Travel in Kingston via a link to be provided shortly.

Stay tuned for further communiqués on www.cmcen-rcmce.ca for more on this exceptional professional development opportunity. For now, we ask each Commanding Officers, or senior

C&E representatives, to rally behind the C&E Battlefield Liberation of Netherlands Study Tour 2020.

This is all about our people, creating an esprit and identity, as part of our professional preparation to go to nasty parts of the world and do our business of communications, information operations and cyber warfare. The examples of courage, initiative and sacrifice by our fore-bearers can only reinforce the commitment and motivation of our communicators today to “enable command.”

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- 2 CDSG Sig Sqn St-Jean
- 2 CMBG Sig Sqn Petawawa
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