

THE TORONTO SAPPER

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Canadian Military Engineer Association

Depart With Dignity

Caledon Bridge Repairs

Basic Mountain Ops Course

June 2016

Canadian Military Engineer Association

CWO Ron Swift, CME Branch Chief Warrant Officer

You are a member of the Canadian Military Engineer Family. No doubt you are and deserve to be proud of this fact. We are a small professional group, steeped in a rich heritage, proud of our most current contributions and privileged with a bright future.

As with any professional group; whether they are doctors, tradesmen or civil servants, a certain measure of the effectiveness of the group is related to how the group supports itself. How does the group interact in aid of its own members? How does it promote those group aims and objectives it believes in? How does it promote the professional development of its members? In some measure, the members of most professional groups must look after themselves in this regard.

It is no different for the CME as a Branch, (the Family). It has many so-called `corporate interests` which are either outside of the chain of command to be responsible for or in the specific interests of the CME as a family. Examples include the treatment of our members in difficulty.

The CME Family, again in a similar way as is the case for other Regiments, Corps or Branches is totally reliant on its members to support these interests. In terms of structure we do this by forming an Engineer Association. You, as a Family member are expected to help support Association.

The Engineer Association is continually in an active process of redefining itself so as to offer a better service in support of all members of the Branch. It is a small group of volunteers fully dedicated to your interests. The Association aims to strengthen its effectiveness and its crystal clear that the need for their support. We are still one group of Canadian Military Engineers and need every supporter possible to continue to maintain the idea of championing our members. I seek your support consistent with your belonging to our proud Family.

Although a small amount individually we can do a great deal for our members collectively as an association....coast to coast. It's really always been about and will continue to be about looking after our people and supporting their needs whether:

The solidier in Need program: Providing a helping hand to engineers. We help families of members with limited financial support in times of crisis.

Partnership with Workopolis: If you are a member, you will be advised of employment opportunities as soon as we are. We will post them on our site, and if you want to be in-

formed by email we maintain a list of members looking for work. Just provide your email address and we will add you to the distribution list, whether you are serving or retired, contemplating making a change, or anticipating a transition to civilian life after a career in the CME. There are members in every chapter who can advise, share knowledge, have similar experiences or are otherwise able to help. Once you are a member, the CMEA Chapter executive committee can point you in the right direction.

Partnership with TD Insurance: Taking full advantage of your Canadian Military Engineers Association membership with privileged access to the TD Insurance Meloche Monnex program, which provides savings through lower preferred insurance rates. Did you know that a recent study conducted by TD Insurance Meloche Monnex showed that, on average, professionals who have home and auto insurance with us save \$400?

Accoutrements: We provide uniform accoutrements to all Engineers on joining the Branch and provide Engineer flags to deployed Engineer units.

Bursary program: We make available \$6,000 annually to a Bursary program for post-secondary education for all mbrs and dependents;

Op Santa Claus. Over the past two years the CMEA working with CFSME and others has been able to send a small modest Christmas present to all of our Engineers deployed over the Christmas period; and

Financial Support: We continue to provide financial support to Engineer sporting tournaments such as the Fallen Sappers, Memorial Golf Tournament, the CME Pigspiel, the Atlantic, Western, and Ontario Beaver Cup Hockey Tournaments, and others. We also continue to provide financial support annually to Engineer birthday celebrations.

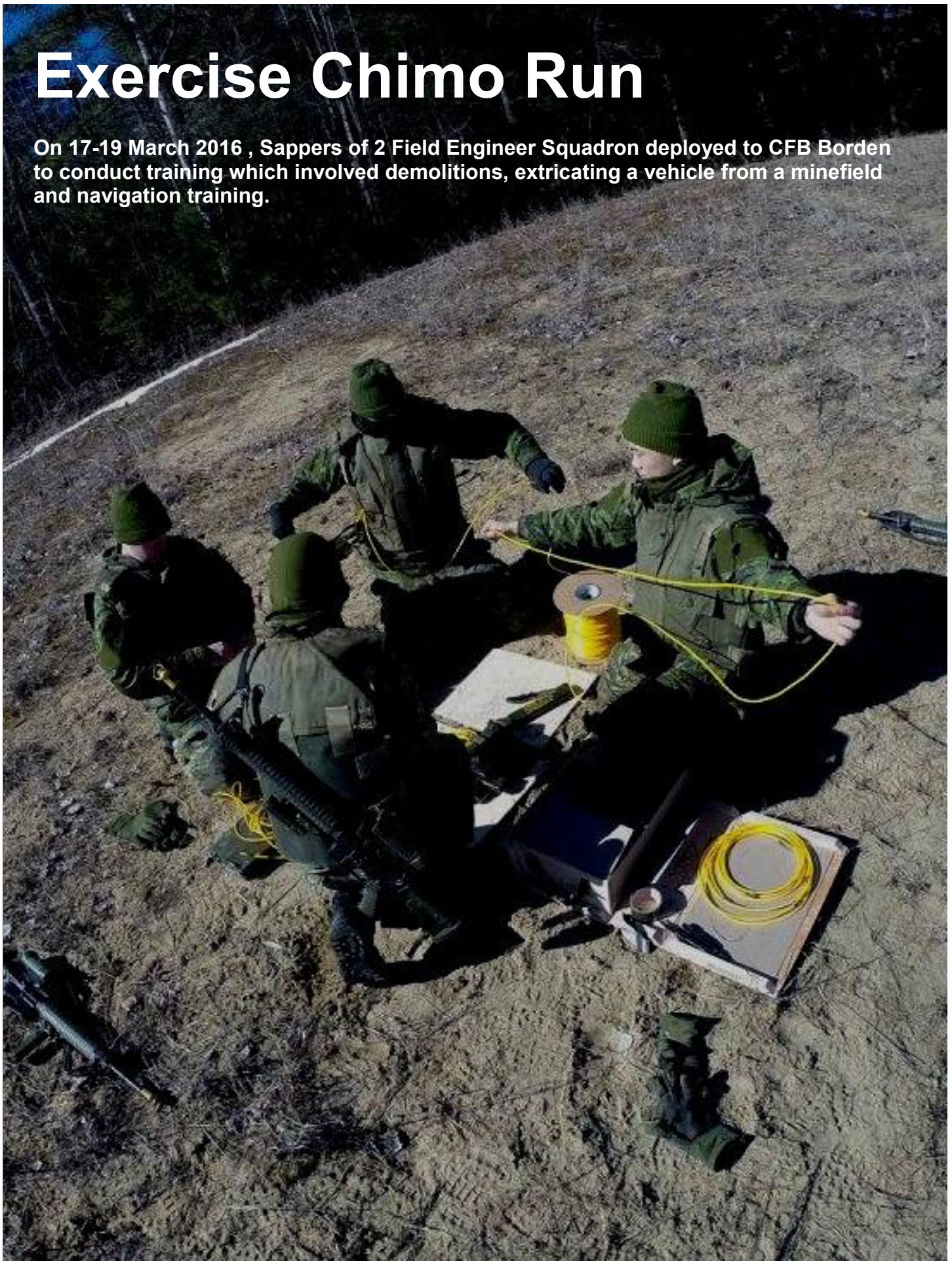
Are you a member of our Engineer Association? I ask you to consider this question seriously - the effectiveness of the Family and Branch is directly related to your answer.

I again would ask all of you who are already committed to the Association to continue to support it. Those of you who are not yet engaged, I would implore you to reconsider your views.

We need all of your support. <https://cmea-agmc.ca/>

Exercise Chimo Run

On 17-19 March 2016 , Sappers of 2 Field Engineer Squadron deployed to CFB Borden to conduct training which involved demolitions, extricating a vehicle from a minefield and navigation training.



Basic Mountain Operations Course



Twenty-six members of 32 Canadian Brigade Group participated on a 15 days Basic Mountain Operations course. The training involves climbing, repelling, and bridging in mountainous terrain. The course is both a physical and mental challenge. Corporal Daponte of 32 CER successfully passed the course.

Left: Basic Mountain Operations course students cross the Grand River using a rope bridge at Elora Gorge Park on March 17, 2016. **Right:** Corporal Joey Daponte (right) and his colleagues carefully pull a rope during a rope bridging exercise at Elora Gorge Park on March 17, 2016. **Photos:** Master Corporal Precious Carandang, 4th Divi-

Trans Canada Trail Bridge Repair

Caledon, Ontario



The re-decking of the baily bridge at the Fork of the Credit Provincial Park was completed on 4-5 June 2016. The 80 foot double single Extra Wide Baily Bridge was first constructed by 32 Combat Engineer Regiment (formerly 2 Field Engineer Regiment) as part of the Trans Canada Trail System on 18—20 June 1999.

Exercise Steadfast Validation

Acrow Bridge Construction April 8 - 10, 2016, CFB Petawawa



Depart with Dignity Ceremony

Corporal Mike McTeague

After more than 9 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Canadian Military Engineer Branch, Cpl Mike McTeague has retired. Cpl McTeague's depart with dignity ceremony was held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 419, in Port Perry, Ontario on April 3, 2016. Mike joined 32 CER in March of 2005. He went on to complete his BMQ, SQ, and QL3 that summer. In January of 2006 Mike volunteered to go to Afghanistan and went on pre deployment training in Petawawa with 2 CER 23 Field SQN. In August 2006 he departed for his tour on TF 3-06. Mike ended up taking part in OPERATION MEDUSA, the day after the operation ended he was wounded by a suicide bomber while on a foot patrol in the Zhari District.

Mike went through a year of rehab and recovery before being able to return to 32 CER. Upon his return he was assigned as a clerk in the unit orderly room. He soon managed to get his Clerk QL3. Upon his return from his course he joined J8 with LFCA working as a finance clerk. After a few years Mike moved out to the Port Per-



Cpl McTeague is presented a shadow box by the CO and RSM at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 419, in Port Perry on April 3, 2016

ry area with his wife Lindsay and began working with the Ontario Regiment as a clerk. Mike was medically released in January of 2014 and in April his daughter Lyra was born. Mike, Lindsay, and Lyra now live in a small town south of Peterborough called Pontypool where Mike is hoping to go to University to major in accounting and eventually work in finance.

Sgt Dorothy Wojtarowicz, CD

Sgt Dorothy Wojtarowicz joined 2 Fd Engr Regt (now 32CER) in 1992 as a Cbt Engr. She was promoted to Sgt in 2000, becoming the first female of that rank as a Combat Engineer. Throughout her career she instructed numerous basic military and combat engineer courses and was involved in two Dom Ops. Sgt Wojtarowicz deployed with 2CER in 2003 to Bosnia as a Sect Comd, and in 2005 to Afghanistan as the MCM/Int NCO in Kabul before being re-assigned to Kandahar as Sqn Ops where she managed the TFK Fwd CP. As a CIMIC operator, Sgt Wojtarowicz's tasking's included Germany and Poland, but her most honoured posting was from 2006-2007 as the Mortuary Affairs LO. She has since continued that work as a civilian consultant, planning and participating in more than forty CAF Repatriations and fulfilling the role of AO to the Michelle Lang Family. She was awarded the CDS coin for her contributions.

When not working as a civilian nutritionist, Sgt Wojtarowicz has acquired more than 12 years experience running Ops and managing complex and high priority projects at Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC). Work there led her to working with many Reg F and Res units across Canada as well as multi-national military and civilian defence agency part-



Sgt Wojtarowicz is presented a shadow box during her depart with dignity ceremony on February 4, 2016 at the Denison Armoury.

ners. From 2007-2009 while maintaining a full work load at DRDC, she took on additional responsibilities as the Trg Coord for the Advanced Warfare Training Team (AWTT) in CAF's first Indoor Urban Operations Training Center. Sgt Wojtarowicz was recognized for her part in the Team having trained over 2000 soldiers in the span of one year by the Army Commander.

She and her husband Eric live in Markham where they own and operate a defence and security training and consulting company.

CME Colonel Commandant Visit



Visit of the Colonel Commandant of the Canadian Military Engineer Branch, Brigadier-General S. Irwin, CD (Retired) and the Canadian Military Engineer Branch Chief Warrant Officer R.G. Swift, CD. Inspecting the quarter guard on his visit to 32 CER on June 3, 2016. The Col Cmdt observed training by both 47 FES and 2 FES. 47 FES trained on hydraulic tools and 2 FES constructed a bunker in the compound. Also elements of both Sqns prepared to be deployed to the Trans Canada Bridge repair task. The Col Commandant and Branch CWO later addressed the entire regiment .

Tin Hair's History Corner



By Sgt (Ret'd) Pat Little, CD

The Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers, man I love saying that again! is a young Corps considering other Engineer Corps. As we all know, or should our humble beginnings stem from the Mother Corps, the Corps of Royal Engineers. In this issue we shall deal with the beginning of ours. We can go back before Canada was a country. way back to the 1600's when men were enlisted (forced)? to build fortifications in New France. This continued into the 1700's when the Brits took over. In 1749 the city of Halifax was established, in order to help defend it from the enemies of the King_a company of Artificers was sent from the homeland.

The early Engineer Companies consisted of local Militia, wherever Engineering was required in Upper and Lower Canada and along the East Coast. One of the most interesting things about our early Corps was that we employed both French/Canadian and English Artificers, remember, we are not yet Sappers! We fought the Yanks in the War of 1812-1814(check out Old Fort York) and the various Rebellion's. As the month of Feb. is Black History Month, in 1837, this is before WW1 for those that don't take history! Companies of Coloured troops were established for road construction. The formation of individual Engineer Companies began in 1855, when the Militia Act established Volunteer Militia Companies of Engineers!

Even this early a Canadian connection was beginning! or as it was known before the R.C.E Canadian Corps of Engineers, were beginning to replace the R.Es. Two

Coy's were established at Halifax, these were recruited from local troops. By 1861 there were Coys in Montreal, Ottawa (ugh) and in Quebec.

I will get to us eventually! these were the beginning of the Canadian Engineers, not Royal yet, wait for it! On 1st July 1903 a Permanent (reg) Canadian Engineer Corps came into being!!!! On 29 April 1936 King George granted the Title Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers, to both Corps!! This is why we "celebrate" the Corps B'day on the 29th or around there if we are not busy doing Sapper tasks! So, how old are we? Well we should consider the Corps at least over 100 years old, but we can actually go back much further!

I shall finish this months article by a statement made a long time ago by Maj-Gen W.B. Lindsay, CB, CMG, DSO. one of the early Corps Chief Engineers. It sums up what the Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers is all about:

" The task of engineers is to apply engineering science to the emergencies of modern warfare in order to protect and assist the troops, to ameliorate the conditions under which men serve and to facilitate locomotion and communication." UBIQUE

For those that wish to learn more about this great Corps and Regiment, JOIN!!!! the Toronto Sappers Association. We are small in numbers, but great in groups!!

CHIMO!!

Engineer Equipment



Leopard 2 Armoured Engineer Vehicle (AEV)

The Force Mobility Enhancement (FME) project accepted the first Leopard 2 Armoured Engineer Vehicle (AEV) on October 13, 2015 in Flensburg, Germany. The remaining 17 vehicles will be delivered from November 2015 through July 2017 in Bathurst, New Brunswick at Flensburger Fahrzeugbau Gesellschaft (FFG) Canada.

The primary role of the AEV is to conduct obstacle breaching operations and other earth-moving and engineer work on the battlefield. To perform its role, the vehicle is outfitted with a remote weapons station with a 7.62mm weapon system, a heavy duty dozer blade, an articulated excavator arm, a hydraulic tool set, welding and cutting capability, a mine breaching system, a mine plough equipped with magnetic signature duplicator, and a safe-lane marking system.

Valued at approximately \$177.5M CAD, the Leopard 2 AEV contract was awarded in 2012 to FFG, and will result in the conversion of 18 used Leopard 2 Main Battle Tanks provided by Canada as Government Supplied Materiel.

AEV delivery is a major aspect of the Force Mobility Enhancement Project, along with delivery of Armoured Recovery Vehicles and Tactical Mobility Implements.



Unit Annual Awards 2016

Master Corporal Pynn Award

Awarded by the Regular Force Staff of the 32 CER to the member of the Junior Ranks Mess judged to have made the greatest contribution to the well being of the Regiment.

Awarded to Sgt Scourtoudis (Admin Sqn)

George Cole Trophy

Awarded Annually to the Top Sapper in the JR's mess.

Awarded to Cpl Taylor (47 Fd Engr Sqn)

R.C.E. Trophy

Awarded Annually to the top section in the 32 CER.

Awarded to 1 Section, 1 Troop, 2 Fd Engr Sqn, MCpl Mitrica (Sect Comdr)

Sergeant T.E. Veitch CD Award

Top Field Engineer Troop

Awarded to 3 Troop, 47 Fd Engr Sqn

Colonel Kostka Award

Awarded annually to the unit member who best displays leadership in accordance CFP 131(1),para 405.

Awarded to Sgt Torgal (Admin Sqn)

Colonel Wasteney's Trophy

Awarded Annually to the Top Senior NCO of the 32 CER.

Awarded to Sgt Menacho-Vega (47 Fd Engr Sqn)



CWO Quaidoo and Cpl Taylor participated in the QOR annual jump refresher on 17-19 June 2016.



Many will remember Clayton Moss during the years that the regiment paraded out of the Fort York Armouries. Clayton Moss used to be the commissioner and also attended many of the regiments mess dinners. The 96 year old World War II veteran passed away on February 24, 2016. Clayton Moss served in the Second World War as an engineer with 23 Field Engineer Coy.



The 32 CER Annual Sapper's Ball took place on Saturday April 30, 2016 at the Montecassino Hotel to celebrate the 113th birthday of the Canadian Military Engineer Branch (CME). The CME was not simply created, it has evolved over the last century, and the CME birthday reflects two significant events. The Engineers existed in the form of militia even prior to Confederation, however, 1 July 1903, when the Regular component of the corps was authorized under the designation Canadian Engineer Corps, is considered the birth date of the CME. The birthday is not celebrated on this date, but is celebrated on or about 29 April, recognizing 29 April 1936 when the Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers was approved and the Permanent and Non-Permanent Engineers were united under one badge.

Awards and Promotions

Canadian Forces Decoration

Cpl Nguyen 869 awarded CD 27 May 2016

Promotions

CWO Quaidoo promoted on 29 Jan 2016

2Lt Stormes promoted effective 30 Oct 2015

2Lt Olea promoted on 04 March 2016

Cpl Cope promoted effective 26 Feb 2016

MCpl Nelander promoted effective 13 May 2016

MCpl Leung promoted effective 13 May 2016

MCpl Andrade promoted effective 13 May 2016

Cpl Chan promoted effective 1 May 2016

Retirements and Postings

The following members of the regiment have transferred to the Regular Force or other units. We wish them the best of luck in their new careers:

Sgt Shin to the Regular Force.

The following members of the regiment have retired after dedicated service to the CAF and 32 Combat Engineer Regiment:

Sgt D. Wojtarowicz, CD

Cpl M. McTeague

MCpl Longo

Course Awards

Congratulations to the following unit members:

DP3B Field Engineer Troop Warrants Course

Sgt Pielsticker on being awarded the Top Candidate and Peer Award.

DP2 1601 Fd Engineer Section 2ic Course

Cpl Lee on being awarded the Esprit De Corps Award

DP1 1606 Fd Engineer Section Member Course

Spr Readman on being awarded the Top Student Award and Spr Brouwer on being awarded the Esprit De Corps Award

Upcoming Training / Events

13-28 Aug 16 – Exercise Stalwart Guardian

06 Sep 16 – Admin night

09-11 Sep 16 – Stand up weekend

11 Sep 16 – 32 CER Change of Command

30 Sep-2 Oct 16 — Exercise Beaver Start

21-23 Oct 16 — Exercise Spartan Sapper

6 Nov 16 — 32 CER Remembrance Day Parade

11 Nov 16 — Remembrance Day

19 Nov 16 — Snr NCO Mess Dinner

25-27 Nov 16 — Exercise Zip Line Sapper

3 Dec 16 — Training Day

16 Dec 16 — Christmas Dinner (Standown)

26-31 Dec 16 — Exercise Paladin Response

3 Jan 17— Admin Night

6 Jan 17—Training Night

6-8 Jan 17—First Aid Course

7 Jan 17—Training Day

14 Jan 17—Officer Mess Dinner (Regt Birthday)

27-29 Jan 17—Exercise Cold Start

4 Feb 17—Combined Mess Dinner

24-26 Feb 17—Ex Helo Sapper

The Toronto Sapper

The Toronto Sapper is a newsletter designed as a forum for the passage of information past, present and future and to develop Esprit De Corps within 32 Combat Engineer Regiment. The views and opinions expressed herein do not necessarily represent official opinion or policy.

Submission of articles and photographs are welcome electronically in Word format. Photographs must be accompanied by cut lines that identify the activity and personnel (rank, first name, and surname). The editor reserves the right to edit or reject articles.

32 Combat Engineer Regiment
LCol George Taylor Denison III Armoury,
1 Yukon Lane, Toronto, ON, M3K 0A1

Front Cover: 32 CER on parade. **Back cover:** Young adults inspect some Engineer equipment at Denison Armouries during Chanukah Celebrations. Photo by 32 Canadian Brigade Group Public Affairs Photographer, Cpl Ari Pacpaco.

