

## **SUPRAD OLDTIMERS – 2022 REUNION RECAP**

The 2022 edition of the Oldtimers reunion was a well-attended event with something for everyone, including a parade, sit-down dinner, golf, Service of Remembrance and Sunday Brunch.

The activities started mid-morning on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at CFS Leitrim with the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary parade, where the SUPRAD Oldtimers were invited guests. When we arrived, we were escorted from the main gate after surrendering our cell phones in a metal cabinet that resembled a community mailbox, to our seats by military personnel in full Number One dress. There was covered seating for the Oldtimers and other invited guests, and the parade started at 11:00 sharp with the arrival of Bgen Lambert.

The program consisted of a parade made up of about 36 troops; a blessing from the Grandmother of the Station (Danka Brewer), Troop inspection; Reviewing Officer Address followed by an address by our very own Wayne Moore, who did an excellent job of describing the SUPRAD Oldtimers to the group.

Following the parade, we all went to the All Ranks Mess for a reception and light lunch, followed by a group photo of our Oldtimer members. Here is a link to some photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/udsY4zJEyG9qCvQg6>

Mid-afternoon, I drove back to Leitrim for the Friday evening Meet-and-Greet. At the event, there were about 50 people, including a couple from Newfoundland (Brian Mont and Dave Shaw), as well as a number of Oldtimers sharing stories and generally enjoying each other's company. It was great to be able to put some names to faces of people who I have corresponded over the years, but never had an opportunity to meet face to face. Here is a link to some photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/v8LtpiLXv8DMMDkW8>

On **Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** when I arrived at Leitrim, the CFS Leitrim ARM manager – Lori Tapp-Foster was the only person in The Mess, and she helped me add seating for an additional 12 people for the evening's dinner, so that we had places for 82 people.

Next, the catering team from Lolacher's arrived and started setting up the tables for the sit-down dinner, consisting of hip of beef, with all the trimmings.

There were about 80 people in attendance at the dinner event, and as with the Meet-and-Greet, there was a great deal of 'catching-up' to be done with old and new friends. I took a number of photos to immortalize the evening, and everyone had a great time.

After dinner, the prizes were handed out for the golf, followed by a number of donated door prizes that we pulled names. Unfortunately, because Wayne Moore and I were pulling the names, I neglected to take note of the 15-20 winners, but from memory, some winners were Dwayne Whalley, Pat Ellsworth, Max Maheux, and Mike Blow. Also, a huge 'thank-you' to all the people who donated door prizes, very generous indeed. Here is a link to some photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/uCQnwbSve3JxYmEZ8>

On **Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**, When I arrived at the Greely Legion – Branch 627, 8021 Mitch Owens Road, there was a good turn-out gathered around the Cairn. As Ray Lebeau has already written of the day, I will let his words and the photos speak for themselves. Here is a link to some photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/5Vpxgn1bxHA9t9LV9>

**From Ray Lebeau:**

Good Day Everyone,  
(INFO Georgina Montgomery)

What an enjoyable and memorable Canadian Forces Supplementary Radio (SUPRAD) System Oldtimers Association Reunion week-end! After all of the well organized Friday, Saturday and Sunday events, I am taking it easy today.

I do want to take this time to express my sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the dignified Service of Remembrance that was held at the Gloucester Cairn on Sunday. We had a very nice turnout of members and friends and the weather was perfect. Thanks to Dave's e-mail about lawn chairs and umbrellas, just about everyone remembered to bring them. Thanks to Bob, the Cairn and the grounds surrounding the Cairn were in great condition. I just saw an e-mail from Bob telling Butch that he was going to epoxy a 1945 nickel into the Cairn for the one that went missing sometime during these past three years. The sound system that was provided by Vern worked perfectly. Thank you Vern for doing this for us year after year. I thought that having three readers for reading the names (from June 2019 to June 2022) went really well. Thank you Rob, Ed and Wayne for volunteering to read 177 names, you each did a commendable job. Charles Armstrong's bugling of the Last Post and Rouse and John Virag's piping of the Lament and piping all of us to the Legion really added to the true feeling of our being a close-knit military family.

I cannot find an e-mail address for Lynda Wyman, so Wayne, if you could forward this e-mail to her I would like to say a big thank you to her and her Greely Legion galley crew for a really enjoyable brunch. I heard nothing but good comments for the delicious meal that was served. The Legion never disappoints.

I have included Georgina Montgomery as an INFO addressee on this e-mail because I want her to know that the SUPRAD flag that she and Tom donated (when they had their Flag Shop) was proudly flying on the flag-staff at the Cairn. Georgina, you should know that the SUPRAD Oldtimers Association takes really good care of that very special flag.

PS. Thank you, thank you, thank you Wayne, Butch, Dave, Bill & Lynn for the countless hours that you guys worked on the preparation and planning for this year's CF SUPRAD System Oldtimers Association 2022 Reunion. BRAVO ZULU to everyone.

'Friends Forever'

Ray

**From Eric Coles:**

The golf winners were:

Men - Terry Whalley, Linda Ripley, Bob Todd, Jim Humes  
Women - Rose Moore, Nancy Wortman, Barb Burleigh

Longest Drive Men - Butch Whitlaw  
Longest Drive Women - Rose Moore

Closest to the Pin Men - Butch Whitlaw  
Closest to the Pin Women - (No one hit the Green)

Closest to the T - Terry Whalley

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