**RCLSA Annual General Meeting – 13 April 2024**

1. Members of the RCLS and RCLS Assoc, I am John Page, National President of the Royal Canadian Logistics Service Association (RCLS Assoc) for the last 8 years or so, and it is my pleasure this afternoon to provide you with a brief update on our activity over the past 12 months.
2. We have a formal constitution, are registered as a Not-For-Profit Corporation and have a full slate Board of Directors representing our retired leadership from the RCN, Canadian Army and RCAF at the Officer and NCO levels, Regular, Reserve, Retired and Active Duty. Our Board of Directors are:
   1. National President, John Page – Double Hatted as a Director,
   2. Col Retd Mike Boomer, Chair of the Board of Directors,
   3. MWO Sandra Harding (Double Hatted as Treasurer),
   4. Capt(N) Retd, Louise Siew,
   5. CPO1 Retd Jake McDavid,
   6. Col Retd Dave Erickson, and
   7. CWO Retd Dino Luberti.
3. We also have a National Executive Committee that keeps the information flowing and the lights on:
   1. Vice-President, Col (Retd) Doug McCarthy;
   2. Treasurer, MWO Sandy Harding;
   3. Lest We Forget Coordinator, Cdr (Retd) Dick Duffield;
   4. History & Heritage Chair (and Chair of CFLM), LCol Peter Boyle;
   5. Communications, LCdr (Retd) Hal Pottle;
   6. Web Master, Maj (Retd) Barry Harris;
   7. Social Media, MWO (Retd) Kelly Moore;
4. We held our last AGM on 15 Apr 2023 right here in CFLTC Borden and using virtual technology of both Teams and the Zoom platforms. Today is our next one, We are expecting about 50 people to join us, in-person at CFLTC Borden or using Teams.
5. I helped the Royal Canadian Logistics Service (RCLS) celebrate our 56th Birthday right here at CFLTC on 01 Feb 24, and had a great day visiting all of the training venues that had established a mini-golf course in each establishment. Thank you Cmdt, LCol Tanya Tebbutt.
6. The RCLS is the largest personnel branch in the Canadian Forces with over 15,000 Regular and Reserve serving members, we bring synergies to the full spectrum of Personnel (J1); Technical Services (J4) and Financial (J8) Services with one Officer Classification and 8 NCM Trades. Our partnership with the RCLS Advisor and CWO, the Secretariat and Regimental Major are growing and complimented by our affiliation with TD Meloche; and with the Guild of Waggoneers and Artificer’s a charitable organization of Combat Service Support units.
7. Last year, in April/May 2023 we had over 53 members on the battlefield Tour to the Netherlands, of which 36 were fully subsidized serving members; with our home-grown RCLS Historians and published authors Col (Retd) John Conrad and Maj (Retd) Gary Campbell leading the way.
8. Although the USAAF (Op CHOWHOUND) and RAF/RCAF (Op MANNA) tried delivery of humanitarian aid by airdrop, it was less than ideal and the 1st Canadian Army used its integral CSS resources for the successful surface delivery of humanitarian aid behind German lines to the Starving Dutch population.
9. We had conducted some Professional Development seminars through our history and heritage chair for Op FAUST preparations, as well as general knowledge. We would like to continue in that vain for this year, offering at least one session per quarter, but I will let Peter Boyle discuss that when it is his turn.
10. We are in a period of rebuilding, and we really must breathe new life into this association. We are re-invigorating the NCR Chapter with an inaugural event being the NCR 2024 Logistics Golf Tournament at Hylands Golf Course on Friday 28 June 2024.
11. We will be starting national fund-raising drive to support our RCLS Museum and a major initiative here at our home station for an RCLS Memorial, perhaps adjacent to Waggoner’s Park.
12. For those of you who are here in person, please join us this evening around 1800 at Chruckie’s Road House for dinner and tomorrow morning at 1000 hrs, a brief moment of reflection on our fallen comrades.
13. Allow me to conclude by saying that things are better than they were and we will continue that trend as long as all members of the logistics family share the same goals and provide energy and resources. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity, if you have questions I am prepared to take them or we can talk on the margins.