

# CALLING ALL GUNNER OFFICERS !

## THE MONTHLY GUNNER OFFICER LUNCHEON

Since last Autumn, I have been holding a Gunner Officer Luncheon on the first Friday of every month at the RCMI. This has become a regular event whereby any and all Gunner Officers, regular and reserve, serving and retired, may drop in at the RCMI, even if they are not a member, and be assured to have lunch with another Gunner Officer. The luncheon is strictly casual, as is the order of dress at the Institute every day before 7:00 P.M. (No golf shirts, jeans, sandals, running shoes or combat uniforms). We meet at the Main Bar at noon and at about 12:15 move to the Main Dining Room where there will be an Artillery table reserved exclusively for former or serving **Commissioned Gunner Officers, or Commissioned Officers of Supporting Arms who have served in the Royal Regiment of Artillery**. Anyone may arrive or leave at any time that they please. This is not a Mess Dinner! It is conducted informally on an individual cost basis; in other words you only pay for what you order, either by signing a chit or by credit card.

**Some upcoming luncheon dates for 2001 are: May 4, June 1, July 6 (stand down in August), September 7 and October 5. It is always the first Friday of every month.** If you have any questions or should you plan on attending please contact me. In the alternative, you may contact the RCMI dining room office at (416) 597-0286 to indicate that you will be attending the Gunner Officer Luncheon.

### **Questions? Yes . . .**

***May I attend? Lord Lovelace "commissioned" me as a Captain in the Frostbite Highlanders (Artillery Troop) and my father was a Gunner! May I bring guests?*** You may attend only if you are a genuine commissioned officer of a legitimate army and served in an Artillery Regiment. (Please no "re-enactment artillery" types or "funnies"), and you are welcome to bring any guest so long as they too are genuine Gunner Officers, as defined herein. You should also bring a sense of humour, a cheerful countenance and a kindred spirit. Please leave the rank at home.

***How should I dress?*** Clean clothes would be a good start; I wear a tie and jacket because I am an up-tight bachelor who has been wearing a tie and jacket every day since the fifth grade and believes that, "Friday is Tie Day". But most people wear 'smart casual' or 'business casual' clothes. Uniforms are fine, but please, no combats!

***How much does it cost and how do I pay?*** You pay only for what you order. Whether you want coffee and pie or a full blown "I will have everything on the menu please", your lunch and its appurtenant cost is your choice. There is no other cost. If you are a member of the RCMI, then you may settle by the usual chit system, but if you are not, then a valid credit card lawfully assigned to you will be fine.

I look forward to seeing you! Ubique.

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