



Merry Christmas!

Here is some history of the New Year's Levee, the New Year's Levee Breakfast and the new location for the breakfast.

The New Year's Levee originated with the British as most of our Canadian traditions do. A member of the British royal family would hold a reception and it went on from there. In the military, it was the way for the Officers and the RSM, Warrant Officers and Sergeants to pass on best wishes for the New Year and to ***start the new year off right!*** The French would use this day, which is important culturally, to visit friends. We, intern, visit the officers and other units to wish them the best for the new year.

The Levee Breakfast originated with RSM CWO Dave Penman in the early 1960's. In those years, the Band of the Regiment would perform at functions on New Year's Eve as this was a working day for them. The unit would also have New Year's Eve parties at the armoury. With the drinking and late night of the eve, the RSM wanted to look after his soldiers and get them out of bed and get them some breakfast New Year's morning. He gave direction that a restaurant be found to hold the breakfast that was open on this holiday. The breakfast was also attended by the RSM, Warrant Officers and Sergeants in the Regiment, both band and artillery. The Directors of Music attended as well. The breakfast has been held in many locations which no longer exist including the Park Hill (Ming Court) on Davie. One year, it was held at Denny's because the Ming Court had closed, unknown to us. For about ten years, it was held in the Bistro on Beatty Street. The current location for the Breakfast is Frankie's Italian Kitchen and Bar (formerly the Bistro) located at the Georgian Court Hotel 765 Beatty Street.

The dress for the 1st of January is DEUs, medals and oxford shoes.
The breakfast is 0800 hours for 0830 hours at:

The Georgian Court Hotel
Frankie's Italian Kitchen and Bar, just off the lobby
765 Beatty Street

The New Year's Levee is being hosted by the Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess this year at 1030 hours in the Mess.

If you have any questions call me at 604-254-5389... the phone is the best way to reach me...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! *Donato*