

## 1<sup>ST</sup> C.A.V. CAMBRAI UNIT

### ONTARIO'S VETERANS' HIGHWAY MEMORIAL RIDE

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010

#### **BACKGROUND**

1. Bill 10 1998 the *Veterans' Memorial Highway Act*, was introduced by the Government of Ontario to amend the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement (PTH) Act to name Highway 416 the Veterans' Memorial Parkway. The rationale for this action is clearly expressed in the preamble to the action which reads:

*"We, the people of Ontario, are forever grateful to the thousands of dedicated men and women who courageously and unselfishly gave their lives in service to Canada in wars and in peacekeeping efforts. Our debt to them can never be repaid.*

*We are also forever grateful to Canada's veterans who demonstrated extraordinary effort in fighting to preserve our free and democratic society.*

*We and future generations must never forget the contribution of all those men and women, to whom we owe so much. As a gesture of our respect, we seek to honour their memory by naming Highway 416, the Veterans' Memorial Parkway."*

2. The amendment to the act added section 36.1 which states: "The part of the King's Highway designated as controlled-access Highway 416 shall be known in English as the Veterans' Memorial Parkway and in French as Promenade commémorative des anciens combattants." On June 6, 1999, Highway 416 was dedicated and named the "Veterans Memorial Highway", with distinctive blue signs posted at each end of the route stating "Veterans' Memorial Highway" over the words "Lest we forget." in remembrance of Ontario's veterans.

3. An important complementary project was the establishment of the Veterans' Commemorative Park. The Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command District G, the Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat pooled resources to develop a site to commemorate the contributions made by Ontario's veterans. Officially opened in 2000, the park is located on Highway 416, the Veteran's Memorial Highway, at County Road 19 (River Road) just outside of Kemptville. The park, which features monuments and gardens, is used for Remembrance Day commemorations as well as other Legion activities. The site is wheelchair accessible and parking is adjacent to the park.

4. C.A.V. elements in Ontario pay tribute to Canadian Veterans through an annual commemorative ride along the **Veterans' Memorial Highway (VMH)** with a stop at the **Veterans' Commemorative Park (VCP)**; a Church Parade is held at the VCP if a C.A.V. Padre attends the event. This year the true spirit of the memorial ride along the length of the Veterans' Highway will be restored. Accordingly, the event shall return to its roots as a memorial ride without an entry fee or any solicitation for charitable donations. To avoid confusion with similarly named events, the ride is known as the "Ontario Veterans' Highway Memorial Ride" (**OVHMR**). This year 2010, Cambrai Unit will be the lead of the event, with the ride ending at the Rideau Perley Veterans Health Centre, for which is their annual Family day BBQ , and it is also a Cambrai Unit annual commitment. All riders are invited and encouraged to attend. At the Rideau Perley, the veterans are hosting their family day BBQ, free of charge, and CAV members are encouraged to mingle and converse with these veterans. Last year, 2009, Cambrai Unit, and 1st CAV units attended , and CAV riders offered rides to veterans on their motorcycles on the property grounds. This was a **big hit**, and we have been asked to do the same this year.

## **PARTICIPATION**

5. This OVHMR is a C.A.V event with 1<sup>st</sup> C.A.V. Cambrai facilitating the ride for all as the conducting unit. C.A.V. National HQ and all available C.A.V. units/members in the region are most welcome and encouraged to participate.

## **MISSION**

6. To conduct the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) annual C.A.V. OVHMR on 11 Sep 2010.

## **EXECUTION**

7. Concept of Operations. The 2010 OVHMR includes riding the VMH, a church parade at the VCP and a BBQ in Ottawa hosted by the Rideau Perley Veterans Health Centre. Riders will muster in Ottawa and Kingston to move to the Assembly Area/Start Point (AA) for the ride near Highways 401/416. The OVHMR will be conducted in four phases:

- a. Phase 1. Initial Rendezvous (RV) & Deployment. Riders at the North end of the VMH will RV at The Tim Hortons in Manotick at the corner of River Road and Mitch Owens Drive, and those at the South end will RV at the Denny's Restaurant parking lot in Kingston (Division Street/401) to move to the main ride Assembly area.
- b. Phase 2. OVHMR Assembly. The two groups (Ottawa/Kingston) gather at Angelo's Restaurant and Truck Stop, final briefings and preparations occur and those in need of fuel may top-up prior to departure for the ride.
- c. Phase 3. Ride VMH and Church Parade. The column will travel from the start of the VMH to the VCP where a C.A.V. Church Parade will be held.

On completion of the church parade, the parade will reform and ride the remainder of the VMH to Ottawa.

- d. Phase 4. Rideau Perley Veterans Health Centre BBQ. The ride ends at the Rideau Perley in Ottawa. The Rideau Perley will provide hotdogs , and beverages to the C.A.V. attendees free of charge. It is here, for those who wish to participate in giving Veterans and their family members a ride on their bikes within the property lines. Last year this was a “Big Hit” and the veterans are looking forward to this again this year.
- e. Tasks:
  - (1) Participant HQ/Unit Presidents. Provide numbers of persons who will attend the BBQ to President Cambrai by **6 Sept 2010.**
  - (2) Cambrai Road Captain. Gather and lead the North group from the RV to the Assembly Area (AA). Coordinate/lead the OVHMR from the AA/Start Point through to the Release Point. Seek help from Assistant Road Captains.
  - (3) Cambrai Sgt at Arms. Coordinate Church Parade activities at the VCP including: communicating with and providing for the Padre’s needs.
  - (4) Cambrai President. Coordinate BBQ with the Rideau Perley, OPP and OPS contact person, the city of Kemptville logistics.
- f. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Timings:
    - (a) Participation numbers to President Cambrai (required for BBQ planning) – **NLT 6 Sep 2010.**
    - (b) North/South Groups RV for Move to AA:
      - i. Form up for move/briefing – 0745 hrs 11 Sep 2010.
      - ii. Depart for AA – 0800 hrs
    - (c) North/South Groups arrive at AA – 0915 hrs.
    - (d) Road Captains Coordination Meeting – 0930 hrs.
    - (e) Ride formed up – 1000 hrs.
    - (f) Ride departs – 1010 hrs.
    - (g) Arrive at the VCP – 1100 hrs.
    - (h) Church Parade – 1045-1130 hrs.
    - (i) Depart to complete VMH ride – 11:45 hrs.

- (j) Arrive at the Rideau-Perley Veterans Health Centre in Ottawa for BBQ – 1230 hrs.
- (2) Phase 1 Rendezvous Points
  - a) North Group (Ottawa Valley/QC). Tim Horton's in Manotick at the corner of River Road and Mitch Owens Drive.
  - b) South Group (Hwy 401 corridor). Denny's Restaurant parking lot (33 Benson St. Kingston) near the junction of Hwy 401 and Division St in Kingston.
- (3) Assembly Area. Angelo's Restaurant and Truck Stop. Old Hwy 16, at Hwy 401 Exit 721. Tele: 613-925-4507 Contact person: Carrie.
- (4) Ride Start Point. Old Highway 16 at AA.
- (5) Release Point/BBQ location. The release point for the OVHMR is the Rideau Perley Veterans Health Centre , 1750 Russell Rd, Ottawa, ON. Tel. (613) 526-7170 Ext 7435
- (6) Order of March. Cambrai Road Captain, National President, Cambrai President, 1<sup>st</sup> CAV President, National Padre, Cambrai Sgt at Arms, remainder of Cambrai Unit then attending units by seniority.
- (7) Routes:
  - (a) RV to AA. Most direct at discretion of lead rider.
  - (b) SP to VCP. Highway 416 to exit 40 toward Rideau River Rd/County Rd 19.
- (8) VCP to Rideau Perley. Continue north on VMH to Ottawa, merge on Queensway Hwy 417 East, take exit 117 for Vanier Pkwy, merge right on Pkwy, turn left at Industrial Ave., turn right at Russell to 1750 Russell Rd, Ottawa.
- (9) Ride Signals and safety. See C.A.V. Ride manual.

## 8. **SERVICE SUPPORT**

- a. Accommodation. Own responsibility.
- b. Fuel. Riders to ensure they have sufficient fuel to travel from their RV to the AA, and from the AA to the RP. There is a gas station near the RP.
- c. Food and Water. Participants are responsible for their own needs. At the RP, Rideau Perley will provide hotdogs and beverages to attendees
- d. Medical. Participant units to provide for their member's routine first aid needs. Emergency services available through 911.

- e. Breakdown and Recovery. Rider observing a breakdown is to stop and render assistance as appropriate. Riders are responsible for their own recovery insurance and/or service plan (i.e. CAA etc.) to meet their needs.

9. **COMMAND AND SIGNALS**

- a. Command. Normal unit structures remain in effect. 1<sup>st</sup> C.A.V. Cambrai Unit is the host unit for the 2010 OVHMR. Key unit appointments:
  - (1) Ride Commander (President Cambrai) and lead from South RV to AA: Popeye. Email: [jvstoro@hotmail.com](mailto:jvstoro@hotmail.com)
  - (2) Ride Lead Road Captain (Cambrai Road Captain): SAILOR.  
Email: [jim.ireland@sympatico.ca](mailto:jim.ireland@sympatico.ca)
  - (3) Ride Sgt at Arms (Cambrai Sgt at Arms): LURCH  
Email: [strgthnhnr@gmail.com](mailto:strgthnhnr@gmail.com)
- b. Returns. HQ/Units are to inform Popeye by **06 SEP 2010** of the number of persons who will be attending for the BBQ

Any questions or concerns please contact Popeye, President of Cambrai unit at Tel. 819-827-2060 via email at [jvstoro@hotmail.com](mailto:jvstoro@hotmail.com)

Kind Regards,

Jaime Sebastian

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President Cambrai Unit

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