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Good afternoon 862,

I hope that this letter finds everyone safe and sound. I know that it has been some time since we were able to have a normal weekly parade night and routine announcements. We have been trying to update everyone as new information comes in. We appreciate how difficult it is as the weeks continue to pass. This will one day be a memory, but until then, please continue to check out our Facebook page, our website and the Remind notices to keep up to date on “what’s happening”. This is also important for the cadets, as we continue to have weekly challenges and activities. Please know that these are not mandatory BUT is essential in keeping the motivation and enthusiasm of each cadet. These weekly calls and challenges allow our senior leadership to check in with each cadet and to assist however they can. It is also a way of keeping “esprit de corps” within our ranks.

Please ensure that you (your cadet) are available Monday evenings when these calls are made. The cadets are required to ask routine questions regarding Covid-19 and gaining information regarding each cadet family to report back to me, so that I can report up. Thank you all for being so patient and understanding with these calls.

Netherlands, Belgium and France Trip

I know that you must be wondering what is happening with our trip... well, unfortunately due to Covid-19 and the fact that we don’t know when things will return to normal, I have had to postpone this trip. I have called Ellison Travel and Tours Ltd to let them know of this decision as well. We are rescheduling this trip until March 2021. I am still waiting to hear back from the Chain of Command regarding our application, as it takes over a year for the paperwork to process. NO money/deposits were made, therefore NO ONE is out any money towards this trip. Any cheques that were made out for deposit, have been kept in safely tucked away in a file, under lock and key by the SSC (Squadron Sponsoring Committee). If you wish to have your cheque returned, this can be done once we are back to the squadron, when it has been approved to do so.

It is our intent that the same trip will be schedule for March 2021, as long as it meets the requirements and is approved by Ottawa.

Please continue to call, email or message me through Remind if you have any questions, need clarification or need to chat about anything.

Please continue to stay home and stay safe.

As always,

Capt Susan C Graystone
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