



2020 Virtual Corps Christmas Dinner Information for Cadets

Additional Notes taken directly from the Operations Order

SERVICE SUPPORT:

5. Rations:

b. The dinner meal and associated beverages will be provided by the individual participants for their own consumption; (Meaning you will have to provide your own dinner and a drink to have with it as well as a drink in a small special glass to be used for the Toasts).

6. Dress: (in descending order); Cadets: Mess Dress (C6); Ceremonial Dress (C1); Business Suit: White Shirt/Bow-Tie; Business Suit. (Content edited from Op O)

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Timings and Sequence of Events for the 2020 Virtual Xmas Dinner

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- 1. Phase One
Present – 18:00 hrs 22 Dec 20**

Preparations by personnel designated in this Op O.

18:45 - Videoconferencing link to go live.

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**2. Phase Two
18:50 – 18:58 hrs 22 Dec 20**

18:50 – 18:58 hrs – All personnel are to log into the previously transmitted web video conferencing platform. Personnel should activate their video and mute their microphone. (Posted in the chat will be truncated sequence of events for responses for the Toasts segment of the dinner, highlighting particularly the interlude during the Toast for the Fallen.)

18:50 – 18:58 hrs - Head Table members will turn off their video and will mute. Discussions between these members can be conducted by telecom, text or on the video conferencing platform chat

**3. Phase Two
19:00 – 19:35 hrs 22 Dec 20**

19:00 hrs - Mess Call for the Head Table – The VPMC will call the room to Order and will announce the arrival of the Head Table. Prior to the Head Table members turning on their video, chorus of the 7 Toronto Regimental song "Screw Guns" will be played. Upon conclusion of the music, Head Table Members will turn on their video.

19:02* hrs - The PMC will ask the VPMC for 'Grace' be said.

19:04* hrs - The PMC will introduce the members of the Head Table. As they are introduced each member will unmute their microphone and extend a greeting, for example such as 'Hello' or 'Good evening'. This will bring their image to the top of the screen. Then the PMC will introduce any other special guests. As they are introduced each special guest will unmute their microphone and extend a greeting, for example such as 'Hello' or 'Good evening'. (Complete listing of all of these individuals will be provided by the CO to the PMC prior to the Dinner.)

19:08* - 19:11* hrs - The PMC will invite the Cadet Mess Treasurer to explain about the charitable donation the Mess, a bit of a background on what the charity does and the reasons why it was selected. They will also state how much the Mess is donating and that the Corps will be matching the donation for a grand total amount.

19:11* – 19:15* hrs – The PMC will announce the Gingerbread contest and a display of all entries will be posted on screen. The PMC will announce the winners and the prizes that they have won (1st – Turkey, 2nd – Chicken, 3rd – Cornish Hens).

19:17* hrs - The PMC will announce the commencement of the dining phase of the dinner.

19:15* - 19:35 hrs – Dining. Festive seasonal music to be played in the background.

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4. Phase Two
19:00 – 21:00 hrs 22 Dec 20

19:35 hrs - The PMC will commence the Toasts phase of the Dinner. They will request that all personnel unmute their microphones for this phase of the dinner

The PMC will ask "Mister/Madame Vice" (the Mess VPMC) to propose the 'Toast to The Captain General, HRH Queen Elizabeth II, The Queen of Canada'. The VPMC will identify the individual who is to propose the Toast and that individual will say, "Please charge your glasses." (with a short pause so the membership can raise their glasses in view of their cameras), and then they will state "Mesdames et Messieurs, La Reine du Canada." Everyone with glass in hand will respond with, "The Queen" in unison and take a sip from their glass.

The PMC will ask "Mister/Madame Vice" (the Mess VPMC) to propose the 'Toast to Fallen Comrades'. The VPMC will identify the individual who is to propose the Toast and that individual will say, "Please charge your glasses." (with a short pause so the membership can raise their glasses in view of their cameras), and then they will state "Ladies and Gentlemen, Fallen Comrades". 'The Last Post', followed by One Minute Of Silence for Fallen Comrades and then the playing of 'The Rouse' will occur. Everyone with glass in hand will respond with, "Fallen Comrades" in unison and take a sip from their glass.

The PMC will ask "Mister/Madame Vice" (the Mess VPMC) to propose the 'Toast to the Regiment'. The VPMC will identify the individual who is to propose the Toast and that individual will say, "Please charge your glasses." (with a short pause so the membership can raise their glasses in view of their cameras), and then they will state "Ladies and Gentlemen, The Regiment". Everyone with glass in hand will respond with, "The Regiment" in unison and take a sip from their glass.

The PMC will ask "Mister/Madame Vice" (the Mess VPMC) to propose the 'The Toast to the Corps'. The VPMC will identify the individual who is to propose the Toast and that individual will say, "Please charge your glasses." (with a short pause so the membership can raise their glasses in view of their cameras), and then they will state "Ladies and Gentlemen, The Corps." Everyone with glass in hand will respond with, "105," in unison and take a sip from their glass.

19:45 hrs - The PMC will request that all personnel to again mute their microphones for the remainder of the dinner

19:46 hrs - The PMC will invite the Honoured Guest to address the assembled Corps and guests. They will then do so. This will be repeated for each guest seated at the Head Table. (There will be no limit of this individual's speaking time).

19:48* hrs - The PMC will invite the Commanding Officer to offer his comments. The CO will then do so.

19:47* - 19:52* hrs - The PMC will introduce other significant individuals to make short speeches of no longer than one minute in duration. (This list will be provided by the CO to the PMC prior to the commencement of the dinner, as some of the special guests may decline making any speech.)

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The PMC will call the room to Order and will announce the departure of the Head Table. At this time chorus of the 7 Toronto Regimental song "Screw Guns" will be played. Upon conclusion of the music the VPMC will announce the end of the dinner. Allowing for about a minute of delay, the video link will then be terminated.

**4. Phase Three
21:00 hrs 22 Dec 20 – 05 Jan 21**

Members of the Head Table, special guests, The Cadet Mess Executive, The RSM, The DSM The TSM, Members of the CSC, Officers, CI's and CV's will be invited to Break-Out room to socialize for a short period of time and would be free to join and depart at any time.

NOTE: Timings marked with an asterisk (*) are approximate timings.

