



“To Honour and Remember”

1 Military Police Platoon Association

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Re: Cpl. Matt Dinning Memorial “RIDE FOR HEROES” DAY
ASU London to Wingham, ON
Saturday, August 22nd, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

In 2006 Military Policeman Cpl. Matt Dinning lost his life making his country proud while serving in Afghanistan. Not leaving children of his own, he did leave a legacy as a role model for the young men, women and children of the community of Wingham, a place he loved very much. This year, the members of Canadian Forces 2 Military Police Unit, The Town of Wingham, and the veterans of 1 Military Police Platoon Association are working to establish a permanent scholarship programme for the Wingham Secondary School students in Cpl Matt Dinning’s name.

The “Ride For Heroes” Day starts with the public invited to either Drive or Ride on the “Ride For Heroes” Route starting at 9:00 am from the ASU London Elizabeth Street gates. Cost is \$30.00 a vehicle and a tax receipt will be issued by the Wingham Secondary School. Around 10:00 am a Tribute Ride made up a Emergency Services Personnel will leave via motorcycle on the “Ride For Heroes

Route”, and the last vehicle to start out on the “Heroes Route” we hope is 11:30 am.

At Wingham, various displays by military and emergency services organizations, a memorial service for all of our heroes, and a concert by Recording Artist Dale Goodie will be available for all who attend. The event at Wingham is open to everyone whether you can participate in the “Drive or Ride for Heroes” or not.

Please check out the following websites for further information:

1mppla.ca <http://1mppla.ca/html/index.php> or
<http://www.sheba.imports.com/> (Sheba Imports)

Email: rideforheroes@execulink.com

Thank You

MCpl Phil MacKinnon 2 MPU Det London
S.L. “Doc” Aldridge



Cpl Matt Dinning Memorial “Ride for Heroes” Day

**“A Salute to Honour a Fallen Son and Canadian Heroes”
Saturday, August 22nd, 2009**

INFORMATION SHEET

Outline:

The First Annual **“Ride for Heroes” Day**, honouring the late Corporal Matthew Dinning, a Military Policeman who lost his life serving his country in Afghanistan in 2006, is being established to start a **Scholarship Fund** in Cpl Dinning’s name at the F.E. Madill Secondary School in his hometown of **Wingham, Ontario**.

Members of **Canadian Forces 2 Military Police Unit** (based in Ontario), the Veterans and members of the **1 Military Police Platoon Association**, along with the **Town of Wingham, ON**, are combining their efforts to establish this event that will honour Cpl Dinning specially, and remember all those in the military who serve and have served this country with pride and distinction.

Planned Day Events:

The **“Ride For Heroes” Day** is planned for two communities. The morning will start at **Area Support Unit London (Wolseley Barracks)**, 701 Oxford Street, London, ON. The “Ride For Heroes Route” ends at the Wingham Airport with various displays by Military and Civilian Emergency Service Organizations, and a concert by Canadian Recording Artist Mr. Dale Goodie.

There will be a **Tribute Motorcycle Ride** by Military Personnel and Veterans, all civilian Police, Fire, Ambulance, Emergency Services, Correctional Services, Security Personnel, Government Agencies and their Invited Guests.

Prior to the Tribute Ride, the **Public is invited to Drive or Ride the “Ride For Heroes” Route**. Members of the Public will be able to stop by ASU London and pick up a registration kit for \$30.00, and receive a special memento of the day and a tax receipt for \$25.00.

The **“Ride For Heroes” Route** starts from **ASU London, north on Adelaide Street, Highway 7 to Highway 23, then to Highway 86 into Wingham, ON Airport..**

At the **Wingham Airport** the **Event is Open to all.** Various displays will be set up involving both **military and civilian units and organizations** (RCMP, Military Police, International Police Association, 1 Military Police Platoon Association, The Corps of Commissionaires, and many more) that pay **tribute to past and the everyday heroes.**

The **Wingham Air Cadets** will be offering a **Barbeque Lunch** at the Wingham Airport during the event (11:30 am to 2:30 pm). The **Wingham Legion** will be hosting a **BBQ Wings Supper** in the evening (5:00 pm to 8: 00 pm).

Registration:

Registration for those members of the **Military, Veterans, and all civilian Police, Fire, Ambulance, Emergency Services, Correctional Services, Security Personnel, Government Agencies with their Invited Guests** participating in the **Tribute “Ride For Heroes”**, are asked to contact MCpl Phil MacKinnon, Ride Registrar, at the address below in advance of August 12th, 2009 (those who have sponsors are asked to submit a copy of their registration form at this time, and bring their sponsorship forms with them on the day of the event).

Registration for those **members of the public**, who chose to **ride or drive the Ride For Heroes Route**, can be made in advance to the **address:**

**MCpl Phil MacKinnon,
Ride For Heroes Registrar**

Email: rideforheroes@execulink.com

Registration Forms available on these websites:
1mppla.ca <http://1mppla.ca/html/index.php> or
<http://www.sheba.imports.com/> (Sheba Imports)

Or at the ASU London, Ontario (Wolseley), Elizabeth Street Gates at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 22, 2009, the day of the event. For a donation of \$30.00 per vehicle, the participants will receive a Registration package..

Merchandize:

There is an official t-shirt (tan or sand colour like our troops in Afghanistan wear) with the Military Support the troops ribbon and shoulder flash on the front and the Ride for Heroes design to the back. The official 1” gold coloured

(miniature) Military Police pin will also be on sale. For information go to <http://1mppla.ca/html/index.php> or <http://www.sheba-imports.com>

Donations:

Anyone unable to participate in the “**Ride For Heroes**” Day that wishes to donate to the **scholarship fund** may do so by sending your donation to:

“Cpl Matthew Dinning Memorial Scholarship Fund
C/o Chief of Police Tim Poole, Wingham Police Service
274 Josephine Street,
Wingham, ON, N0G 2W0

Anyone making a donation \$25.00 and over will receive a tax receipt and have their name attached to a scroll that will hang in the **F.E. Madill Secondary School, Wingham, Ontario** in honour of the **Matthew Dinning Memorial Scholarship**.

For Further Information and Questions:

Please contact Mr JW Styan, Media and Information Officer
rideforheroes@execulink.com

Heroes Day Schedule:

8:30 am/0830 hrs:	Ride Registration at ASU London (Wolesley Barracks) begins
9:00 am/0900 hrs:	Public Registration starts, ASU London Elizabeth Street Gates
1015 hrs/10:15 am:	Tribute Motorcycle Ride Leaves ASU London
10:30am/1030 hrs:	Public Vehicle Tour Booth reopens
1200 p.m./1200 hrs	Registration ends.
12:00 pm/1200 hrs:	Lunch by Wingham Air Cadets
12:30pm/1230 hrs:	Planned Tribute Ride arrival at Wingham Airport
2:00 pm/1400 hrs:	Memorial Service
12:00 pm/1200hrs	Displays
6:00 pm/1800 hrs:	Wingham Legion Barbeque and Wing Supper



Profile of a Hero: **Corporal Matthew David James Dinning**

Born in Richmond Hill, ON on 15 March 1983, Matthew David James Dinning was raised in the town of Wingham, Ontario, where he was an active participant in many community activities, including seven years spent playing hockey with the Wingham Minor Hockey Association. He attended F.E. Madill Secondary School. With his father a long-serving member of the OPP, Matt early on expressed an interest in service to his country, and specifically as a member of the military. Having completed a Police Foundations Program at Westervelt College in August 2002, Cpl Dinning joined the CF as a Military Policeman in May 2003, completing his Basic Training and finally, his Military Police training in April 2004.

Cpl Dinning's first posting was to CFB Petawawa in May 2004, where he was employed as a Patrolman. Almost from his first day, he continually requested for an overseas tour, as that was his primary motivation for CF service. As such, he was subsequently posted to 2 MP Platoon on 11 July 2005, where he immediately jumped into tactical MP employment. At the same time, he volunteered for Close Protection training, which was successfully completed in December 2005. He was deployed to Afghanistan in February 2006.

Cpl Dinning was killed in action on 22 April 2006. He is survived by his parents, Lincoln and Laurie Dinning, and his younger brother Brandon, who is presently serving as a Military Policeman, following in his brother's footsteps.