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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO AGM 2010

In opening I must thank both the National Executive and my own branch officers for their time and sincere interest in the planning for these three days. I realize that to hold both our AGM and participate in the memorial dedication and all that went along with it, the 'meet and greet' the parliamentary reception organising a bus, menu's for our evening party and more placed a strain on all concerned. The work load that secretary Ken Platt took on has been extraordinary and at a time when he has a lot on his plate personally. I thank you very much Ken. Ted Fitzpatrick our Quartermaster has also been a tower of strength and I know that a lot of members are very grateful to him for his diligence in doing what he has with the memorial memorabilia.

The range of merchandise that the Military Shop has had made for the occasion is outstanding and I trust all branches have got orders in to Ted by now.

Mr reliable, Laz Csibi, is always there to run things by and again thanks mate.

I take this opportunity to formally introduce Mrs Soucila Tompsett to all present. As you know if you have been reading your mail, Soucila has accepted the position of National Treasurer. Again we are very lucky indeed to have her in the National team. Welcome and thank you.

The National Branch is still in a sound position financially as you will hear a little later. It is due to not only good management but the advertising that goes into the magazine. I do trust that more branches will try a tad harder to get their local businesses involved. More about this later

My sincere hope for Wednesday is that you all enjoy it and hopefully catch up with someone you have not seen for many years. Our friends from the NSAA have put a huge effort into it. It was great that we were kept in the loop, attended meetings etc. and we can be proud of the contribution that we made towards the total outcome. At last the name of NASHO will mean something to the public.

My standing final paragraph I will repeat.

I trust that today's meeting will be fruitful, harmonious with some humor and that we all go away feeling that the time spent together has been worthwhile and looking forward to the next twelve months with pride and enjoyment of what we all do in our branches

Thank you.

Wal Beckhouse
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