

dinner it is considered poor manners to leave the table during the meal.

- Head table seating is always based on rank, seniority and status. The host sits in the middle; the next senior person, to the right; the next senior person on the left and the next to the right, until the ends are reached (odd numbers are easiest to work with).
- At Mess dinners, the matter of head table seating is also based on rank, seniority and status. The senior-ranking member of the Mess is the head of the Mess, and sits in the centre. All the others, including the PMC, follow the usual order of precedence. In the case

of the Senior NCOs' Messes, or combined Messes, the senior-ranking member of the Mess is still the head of the Mess. If officers are invited, they will take precedence over the senior Mess member. The president will occupy the position appropriate for his rank.

- Chaplains are usually included at the head table.
- A guest speaker with no rank or status should be positioned as close to the centre as possible, without offending the dictates of rank. The speaker would not be given precedence over the CO of the division at a sub-division dinner, for example. ■

## Now That's a Lot of BULL!

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Law enforcement and customs representatives from the Caribbean, the United States and Canada attend the Caribbean Customs and Law Enforcement conferences hosted by a different country every year. The 1987 conference was

held at Cancun, Mexico, an ultra-modern tourist resort with beautiful white sandy beaches, and of course, bull fights.

Initially, I felt fortunate to be selected to attend the conference, which was a