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# CONTACT!

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## The Prez Sez:

A special thank you must go out to Harry Needham who has been the Editor of Contact since last June. Harry has taken the newsletter to a whole new level for the Branch. Harry mentioned in the March Contact that he will no longer be able to continue as Editor. To continue with this valuable Branch tool a new volunteer Editor is needed. If you feel that you can help carry on please contact me.

This month's birthday party will be held on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the lounge. All are welcome to attend and have coffee and cake with those celebrating their birthday and anniversary.

Congratulations to Branch Member Andrew Nellestyn, who received The Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The Commendation is presented to individuals who have contributed to the care and wellbeing of veterans.

Branch Elections will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. I hope to see a good turnout to elect your new Branch Executive.

Thank you to those who served on this year's Executive Committee and to all who volunteered to make our Branch the success that it is. Good luck to those who will run for next year's Executive.

John Cher  
President

## The Second Vice

Hello all: Yes, I have returned from the Land of Oz after an amazing six weeks of adventure. Wandered through a field with crocodiles and snakes in it, in advertently of course! Got attacked twice by a huge Australian curlew that seemed to think I was after her newly laid eggs. Had a Singapore Sling in Raffles in Singapore and a ride on the Flyer plus a helicopter ride over the Great Barrier Reef and lived to tell the tale. Visited the war memorials in Singapore and Perth, Australia. It's good to be home.

## Veterans Service Officer Report

There are many unsettling events occurring re VIP programmes etc. Please ensure that you are ahead of the proverbial game by knowing what is going on with your allowances. If not sure what's happening, please contact me and I will find out for you. The resources are there so that your comfort is ensured. All requests highly confidential.

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday June 18 at 11.00. a m . We will host a Veteran's Lunch. Members of our Highland Mist Pipe Band will be there to welcome the veterans and the famous Mike Fahey (a legion member) will attend to entertain the veterans. A sign up sheet will be posted in the lounge closer to the time.

Thank you Gerry Dore for standing in during my absence.

## Seniors Officer Report

Thanks to Sue McLean for standing in for me. The next combined birthday/anniversary celebration is Sunday April 28 at 2 00 p m in the lounge. A sign up sheet is posted. Cake/ice cream for all. Please support this activity. It is for you. Congratulations to Walter Turrini on his 95th birthday and thanks to John and Gerry for taking time to visit him and convey our congratulations. Do you have a special occasion coming up? Why not let me know and we can arrange a fun time for you and yours.

## Sick/Visiting

Please let me know if you are aware of any veteran needing a card or visit at home or in hospital.

Moira

# IF

**No one volunteers to take over as editor; this will be your second-last issue of**

**CONTACT!**

For more information, call Harry Needham at 613-831-1068

*When you are on the wrong train, there is no use running along the corridor in the opposite direction.*

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## The Sergeant at Arms

### Attention WWII Veterans

A medal and a clasp have been approved and will start being presented as early as March 2013.

#### BOMBER COMMAND CLASP AND ARCTIC STAR

A Clasp to the 1939-45 Star is granted to the aircrew of Bomber Command who served for at least sixty days, or completed a tour of operations, on a Bomber Command operational unit and flew at least one operational sortie on a Bomber Command operational unit from the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1939, to the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1945, inclusive. The award of the Clasp is to be denoted by a silver rose Emblem when the ribbon alone is worn.

Eligibility is extended to those members of Bomber Command aircrew who did not meet the qualifying criteria due to service being brought to an end by death, wounds or other disability due to service, service marked by a gallantry award or taken as a prisoner of war.

Foreign nationals commissioned or enlisted into British or, the then, Dominion Air Forces (e.g. **Royal Canadian Air Force** or Royal Australian Air Force) are eligible provided the individuals did not receive a similar award from their own Government.

Eligibility to the Bomber Command Clasp has no effect upon eligibility for World War Two recognition previously awarded and does not suggest automatic eligibility for any further awards.



*Bomber Command Clasp*

The Arctic Star is granted for operational service of any length north of the Arctic Circle (66 degrees, 32'N) from the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1939, to the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1945, inclusive. The Arctic Star is intended to commemorate the Arctic Convoys and is designed primarily for the ships of the convoys to North Russia and their Escorts. Eligibility is defined as follows:

- Navy and Merchant Navy – Naval and Merchant Navy service anywhere at sea north of the Arctic Circle to include, but not limited exclusively to, those ships participating in, and in support of, Convoys to North Russia. Fleet Air Arm Personnel, not qualified by sea service may qualify under the conditions applying to the Royal Air Force.
- Air Force – Aircrew of the Royal Air Force will be eligible if they landed north of the Arctic Circle or served in the air over this area. Non aircrew on operational service in the area, for example ground crew or those sailing with CAM ships (Catapult Aircraft Merchant Ships), are also eligible.
- Army – Army personnel serving in His Majesty's ships or in defensively equipped Merchant ships qualify under the rules applying to the Navy or Merchant Navy. In addition, personnel taking part in land operations north of the Arctic Circle will also be eligible.
- Civilians serving with the Forces – Members of the few approved categories of civilians who qualify for Campaign Stars will be eligible if, in support of military operations, they meet any of the above qualifying criteria.
- Foreign nationals commissioned or enlisted into British or, the then, Dominion Forces (e.g. Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Australian Navy) are eligible provided the individuals did not receive a similar award from their own Government.
- General – Eligibility to the Arctic Star has no effect upon eligibility for World War Two recognition previously awarded and does not suggest automatic eligibility for any further awards.



# **Branch 638**

# **Annual**

# **General**

# **Meeting and**

# **Elections!!!**

**Will be held on**  
**Wednesday, 17 April**  
**2013, commencing at**  
**1930 hrs.**

**This is the most**  
**important meeting of**  
**the year. Please turn out**  
**and cast YOUR vote for**  
**our Branch's future.**

## The Ladies' Auxiliary

(Ed. Note: I boobed badly last issue by missing two items from Lorraine. With sincere apologies, here they are now,)

### Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance Evening – A BIG SUCCESS!

The Ladies' Auxiliary hosted a Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance evening on Friday, February 15, 2013 with approximately 75 guests attending. An opportunity to Celebrate Love and Valentine's Day with friends, family and comrades; to enjoy a delicious meal featuring Chicken Kiev and Trifle for dessert; to wear red and hearts; to be entertained by the Green Briar Band playing a variety of music. Special thanks to the volunteers who pulled together to help make this a great evening; Lynn McPherson for co-ordinating the volunteers; June Tyrrell for decorating; Lynn O'Connor, June Tyrrell and Barb Smith for setting the tables; John Cher and Marg Burton, Chefs; Pat Cher for Kitchen Assistant; Betty Ann Pollock, Jane Cane and Kevin Sweet for serving and clearing; George Pollock, Dishwasher; Dale and Marilyn Northrup, ticket takers; Mary Aird and Lydia Fancy for donating door prizes; to our bartenders, Yves Grimard and Brenda Grant; Dan Knighton for producing posters.

Many thanks to all those who came out to support the good cause!

Thanks to the Green Briar Band for making a good difference.

A successful evening and LOTS OF LOVE!

### Lorraine

*Only our books? In the old days they would also have burned our bodies!*

- *Sigmund Freud, on learning of the midnight "Burning of the Books" in Germany, at which the Nazi crowds publically burned his books and those of other authors, including Heine and Mann, they considered "degenerate".*

EVERYONE IS  
INVITED

TO

THE LADIES'  
AUXILIARY'S

*SPRING FLING*

*18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser*

*April 27, 2013*

*Experience the fun of a Silent Auction and Live Auction.*

*Tantalize your taste buds at an Elegant Buffet and*

*- For your listening and dancing pleasure...Variety Music by Peter & Brian*

*- 5:30 p.m. start time / \$40.00/person  
/ Reserve by April 20,  
2013*

*- RESERVE EARLY TO GUARANTEE SEATING*

*- How to Reserve: Enclose your minimum donation of \$40.00/person  
- Cheques to be made payable to: The Ladies' Auxiliary, RCL Branch #638*

*- With a completed reservation slip (see attached) for each person attending in your party  
- And mail both your donation and reservation slip/s in an envelope addressed to:*

- *Moira Green*
- *505 Stratas Court*
- *Kanata, On K2L 3K7*

*A great way to  
Celebrate Spring and  
Support Kanata Veterans  
and Community!*

## What did you do in the Poppy Campaign, Daddy?

Well, for one thing, you helped raise a LOT of money – our second-highest total in Branch history – for the support of veterans and youth.

At the General Meeting in March, here is how YOU voted to use the money:

ITEM	2012/13 budget
District/Zone assessment (prizes for district & zone youth education finalists)	125
Ont Comd bursary fund	2,500
Ont Comd homeless vets	5,000
Branch poppy campaign 2013	13,500
Branch Youth education (poster, essay, poetry, public speaking competitions)	1,500
Branch Service Officer (emergency support to local veterans)	1,000
L.A. vets comforts (“comforts” for veterans in local long-term care facilities)	1,500
Vets hospitality (annual Veterans Lunch. 88 accepted our invitation last year)	1,500
Perley-Rideau (to replace tubs in veterans wings)	5,000

Provincial Service Officer (emergency assistance to area veterans provided by Patricia Royle at Legion House)	10,000
Branch Bursaries	10,000
Cadet Corps (total for 4 Corps)	3,200
Branch Foot Care Clinic	6,000
Ottawa Mission	2,000
Western Ottawa CRC (for Meals on Wheels for veterans)	2,000
Shepherds of Good Hope	1,000
Commonwealth Vets (support to veterans in former British Caribbean colonies)	1,500
Queensway-Carleton Hospital (to purchase a vital signs spot monitor)	2,450
Washroom handicapped access	5,000
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATED</b>	<b>74,775</b>
<b>TOTAL AVAIL 1OCT 2012</b>	<b>89,796</b>
<b>UNALLOCATED</b>	<b>15,021</b>

**Your hard work during the Poppy Campaign last autumn made all this possible.**

**The Poppy Trust Fund Committee (Moira Green, Father Craig Bowers, Gerry Doré, Marjorie Bifulchi, Bill Wilson and Harry Needham) thank you.**

As this issue is going out a week earlier than usual, the General Trust Fund Committee (Ivan Hawley, Garry Fancy, Clay Wheaton, & Harry Needham) has not yet met to discuss disbursements – but we expect to disburse at least \$500 this month.

# ***DISPOSE OF YOUR ELECTRONIC WASTE THE RIGHT WAY!***

## **Here's how!!!**

- ❖ **As a fundraiser, The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #638, Kanata is working in conjunction with a certified member of the Electronic Stewardship Program to collect and dispose of Electronic Waste the RIGHT WAY!**
- ❖ **Disposal is *environmentally safe*, in a *totally secured manner* which protects all of your private and confidential data.**
- ❖ **The more E-Waste collected, the more funds are raised *to support the Kanata Legion, our Veterans and our community.***
- ❖ ***Save* your Electronic Waste (E-Waste) – Computers, TVs, Cell Phones, Amplifiers, Cameras (Please refer to complete list below) for drop off days in May at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #638 – Kanata. A fundraiser to support our Veterans and the Kanata Community.**
- ❖ **Drop Off Days:**
  - **Friday, May 10, 2013 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
  - **Saturday, May 11, 2013 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**at The Royal Canadian Legion, Br. #638-Kanata, 70 Hines Rd., off Solandt Road, off of March Road**
- ❖ **\$1.00 off Fish 'N Chips Coupon with every E-Waste drop off. Fish 'N Chips served Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Kanata Legion.**

**For further information, please refer to the following websites:**  
<http://www.targetrecycling.com> or  
[www.kanatabr638.ca](http://www.kanatabr638.ca) or call Lorraine at 613-266-4705.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Televisions</li> <li>• Desktop computers and terminals</li> <li>• Monitors</li> <li>• Laptop computers</li> <li>• Desktop printers</li> <li>• Fax machines</li> <li>• Disk drives</li> <li>• CD-ROM drives</li> <li>• Keyboards and mice<br/><i>(Ed. Note: some restrictions on the latter apply.)</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amplifiers, stereos, speakers, receivers</li> <li>• Cameras, digital cameras</li> <li>• Copiers, fax machines, scanners</li> <li>• Pagers, PDAs</li> <li>• Radios, TVs all used hospital equipment</li> <li>• Telephones, cell phones, answering machines</li> <li>• VCR and DVD players</li> </ul> |
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## **A War Memorial for West Carleton**

Good day, John.

I was talking to my next door neighbour Bob Thomson earlier this week about my involvement in the West Carleton Cenotaph, which is being built on the small piece of ground at the bottom of Falldown Lane and Donald B Munro in the village of Carp. I have joined the committee as archivist/secretary and am currently writing up the history of the past two years as to how this project came about, as well as offering my time for the writing of funding request letters, minutes and action plans, and status reports.

Our mission is to complete a permanent memorial to the brave men and women who voluntarily served their country, and who made the ultimate sacrifice, as no such memorial exists in the Carp/West Carleton area. My colleague, Stuart Hodge, who is our project lead and Chair of the Committee, and I would very much like to come and talk to the RCL Kanata branch and give a short presentation and video and hopefully solicit interest by your members in this important project. Stuart is an RCL member at Constance Bay and local Carp business owner and Dunrobin



resident. I am a Kanata resident and semi-retired aerospace/defence business consultant.

The Carp BIA is planning to construct a Cenotaph to honour those men and women of the West Carleton area, who died in both World Wars and in the Korean War and who enlisted and stood up for Canada. The City of Ottawa, through our local Ward 5 Councillor Eli El-Chantiry, is assisting with by-law requirements. The Carp BIA will enter into an agreement to assume responsibility for the installation and maintenance of the Cenotaph.

Design work and detailed site planning have been completed. Work is now proceeding to complete the site approvals and to begin site preparations. Many local individuals, companies and volunteers are already involved with the very generous provision of in-kind donations of services and materials to offset costs. Veteran Affairs Canada has agreed to a major funding contribution of \$50,000 under their Cenotaph/Monument program. Those costs which must be funded include the sculpture itself, the landscaping and site preparation, and other professional services which are essential to convert the site from its present use as to a permanent monument. We are working to raise a total of \$200,000 by November, 2013.

If you and your members would be interested in hearing more about this project, please contact me and I will liaise with Stuart as to a suitable day and time. I can be reached via email or at either of the

phone numbers listed below. We do hope you will give this some consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you and best regards.

Peter W Maddocks

***Please Note:***

**C: 613 859 4417 (Primary contact no.)**

**T: 613 831 3146**

## **Monopoly – more than just another board game**

Thanks to Branch President John Cher for this fascinating bit of military history)

From around 1941, an increasing number of British Airmen found themselves as the involuntary guests of the Third Reich, and the Crown was casting about for ways and means to facilitate their escape...Now obviously, one of the most helpful aids to that end is a useful and accurate map, one showing not only locations, but also the locations of 'safe houses' where a POW on-the-lam could go for food and shelter. Paper maps had some real drawbacks – they make a lot of noise when you open and fold them, they wear out rapidly, and if they get wet, they turn into mush. Someone in MI-5 (similar to America's OSS) got the idea of printing escape maps on silk. It's durable, can be scrunched-up into tiny wads, and unfolded as many times as needed, and makes no noise whatsoever.

At that time, there was only one manufacturer in Great Britain that had perfected the technology of printing on silk, and that was John Waddington, Ltd. When approached by the government, the firm was only too happy to do its bit for the war effort.

By pure coincidence, Waddington was also the U.K. Licensee for the popular American board game, Monopoly. As it happened, 'games and pastimes' was a category of item qualified for insertion into 'CARE packages', dispatched by the International Red Cross to prisoners of war.

Under the strictest of secrecy, in a securely guarded and inaccessible old workshop on the grounds of Waddington's, a group of sworn-to-secrecy employees began mass-producing escape maps, keyed to each region of Germany or Italy where Allied POW camps were regional system).

When processed, these maps could be folded into such tiny dots that they would actually fit inside a Monopoly playing piece.

As long as they were at it, the clever workmen at Waddington's also managed to add:

1. A playing token, containing a small magnetic compass
2. A two-part metal file that could easily be screwed together
3. Useful amounts of genuine high-denomination German, Italian, and French currency, hidden within the piles of Monopoly money!

British and American air crews were advised, before taking off on their first mission, how to identify a 'rigged' Monopoly set – by means of a tiny red dot, one cleverly rigged to look like an ordinary printing glitch, located in the corner of the Free Parking square.

Of the estimated 35,000 Allied POWS who successfully escaped, an estimated one-third were aided in their flight by the rigged Monopoly sets. Everyone who did so was sworn to secrecy indefinitely, since the British Government might want to use this highly successful ruse in still another, future war.

The story wasn't declassified until 2007, when the surviving craftsmen from Waddington's, as well as the firm itself, were finally honoured in a public ceremony.

It's always nice when you can play that 'Get Out of Jail' Free' card!

## Recapping the Coming Events:

**Wednesday, 17 April, Branch Annual General Meeting and Elections, 1930 hrs in the Hall.**

**Saturday, 27 April, L.A. Spring Fling fundraiser**

**Sunday, 18 April, Birthday/anniversary party, 1400 hrs in the lounge**

**L.A. Electronic Recycling Project Drop-off:**

**Friday 10 May, 12 noon to 8 PM and Saturday, 11 May, 8 AM to 6 PM**

**Tuesday, 18 June, Annual Veterans Luncheon in the Hall at 1100 hrs.**

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<http://www.kanatabr638.ca/>

**PLEASE CHECK IT REGULARLY.**