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President's Report

My ambition and goal that I would like to set for the Branch this legion year is to pay off the mortgage as quickly as possible.

Thank you to the Ladies' Auxiliary for the \$5,000 donation towards the mortgage and the \$1,600 donation towards the washroom.

The D-Day Bar-B-Q was a great success with approximately 85 in attendance. I wish to thank all who worked to make it the super evening that it was. I cannot thank you all by name as at least 20 members volunteered to make the evening successful. The only complaint heard was that the plates were too small for all of the food available!

As in the past, the July 1st Bar-B-Q will begin at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Congratulations to all who received awards at this year's Honours and Awards evening. Special congratulations to Dan Knighton for receiving his Life Membership. Thank-you to Sue McLean for a fantastic meal and to all who helped to serve and clean up.

I hope everyone has a safe and great summer.

John Cher
President

From the First Vice

The new executive year at the Branch has started and there is a full schedule planned for us all. Moving down my list of things going on within my realm, our Training and Development Officer, Comrade Bruce Judge, has advised us of an Occupational Health and Safety Awareness Training Seminar that will soon be available at no cost. Therefore, if anyone is interested, please contact Bruce.

A Kitchen Committee has been struck by the Kitchen Manager, Comrade Sue McLean, to work through any kitchen problems dealing with double purchasing, cleanliness and general kitchen health rules and regulations that must be adhered to. This is a well needed committee that deserves 100% of our support.

Help with Fish 'n Chips is ongoing and very prevalent now that the summer season is upon us. Once again, volunteers are always needed so as not to burn out the ones we have.

Comrade Brenda Grant has announced that our membership will soon total 280 once again. Good job, Brenda! And as we welcome Comrade George Royle into the position of Recruitment and Retention, we thank Brenda for last year's job well done.

Dan Knighton
1st VP Br 638

From the Sports Desk

The Annual Zone Golf Tournament, held at Smiths Falls, Lombard Glen G&CC, June 7, was entered by Comrade Brenda Grant and myself. (From this day forward) to be known as 'Team Brenda', we took 3rd place with a score of 83. Congratulations, Brenda. We will go forward to the District tournament July 19 at eQuinelle G&CC.

This year's Annual Ray Ponto Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled to take place at the Greensmere G&CC Aug 14. We are proud to be able once again to sponsor the Homeless Veterans of Ontario. Last year's tournament was a great success and we look forward to another again this year. It is a 'Best Ball, Fun Tournament' that all who play can enjoy, eat heartily and hopefully pick up a prize. Hope to see all of our golfers there!

Additionally, the Montgomery Branch Golf Association has room for more players. If anyone is interested, please check the schedule on the Sports Board at the Branch.

Yours in Good Sports,

Dan Knighton

Honours and Awards

Once again, I wish to thank my committee for their support and all those who submitted and suggested awards for our deserving members. As always, I ask that if throughout the year you see someone going above and beyond, you should WRITE IT DOWN and submit it to me for review next spring. Please keep in mind that some awards take up to three months to get through; therefore, get them in as early as you can.

Dan Knighton
H&A Chair

Editor's note: Here are some random photos of the Honours and Awards presentations, including mine! 😊 L.E.



Comrade Lorraine Lapensée, Legionnaire of the Year





Right: Chris Monsour from Harveys received an Appreciation Award to for his support of the Legion

From the Second Vice

Portfolios

The following members who hold positions under the 2nd VP are kindly requested to submit their respective reports in time for the next executive meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 2014. If you do not have a report, please acknowledge that fact by email and if you do have a report, kindly submit to me by email or place a hard copy in my mail box in the office. Ross Valliant, Dan Knighton, Terry Jenkins, Lorraine Lapensée, Bev Connell, Clay Wheaton and June Davis.

Thank you in advance for your continued work and support.

Reminder

Branch 25th Anniversary Charter Dinner Saturday, September 13. Details as before and more to come in next issue.

Artifact

So far there has been no response from the office of Gordon O'Connor.

Biker and Car Rally for PAWS

Please support the legion on Saturday, July 5. We are supporting this fund raiser for Veterans Service Dogs. Stittsville legion is the host legion. Lunch at West Carleton. Other events at Carleton Place and Manotick legions. First cars arrive here at 10:20 a.m., and bikers at 2:05 approx. Gord McCaskill will be running a dart event for the participants and any donation you can give will be greatly appreciated. More details to follow.

D DAY

Thank you to Al Page for his lovely voice and George Royle for his hard working bass lines! To all others who assisted - **LEST WE FORGET**



Photos and captions by Terry Jenkins

George Pollock and a guest lay ceremonial poppies on the WWII battle dress, donated by Dave McPherson, son of the veteran.

Celebrations in May

Congratulations to Connie Taylor (Charter member) and Eileen Hollyer on the occasion of their 90th birthdays. It was wonderful to have these ladies and their friends and families here for cake and coffee. Thanks to Nancy Eadie for the lovely corsages for the ladies and to Lorraine L. and Pat for helping serve the cakes.

Congrats to Nancy and George Medynski on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Best wishes to Sue McLean and all those who had a birthday in May.

Thanks to Gord McCaskill for the cakes and event.

Remember, if you have an event, we would like to share the occasion with you.

Thanks to all.

Moira



May babies Connie and Eileen

Photo by Terry Jenkins



Al Page and George Royle



Single table setting for Unknown Soldier



Wall of Honour
Over 350 names of Canadians
killed on June 6, 1944



Memorial Table

Poppy Campaign

I will call a meeting in early September for all table captains. Date to be announced. As you will recall at the wind up meeting last November, we decided to go through the membership list and ensure that each captain has sufficient members to call. Please have on hand your personal list of those whom you have called in the past.

Thanks in advance for all your dedication and hard work.

Yours in continued service,

Moira

Condolences

- † Sincere condolences to Bob McGee and family on the loss of Jeanette McGee.
- † Sincere condolences to the Carr family on the loss of LLOYD Carr (Charter member)

Correction

Last issue we congratulated Andrew Nellestyn on being installed as a Knight of The Most Venerable Order of The Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. It is, in fact, the Order of St. George. Our apologies for the mistake. L.E.

This Month's Donations

Editor's note: Comrade Harry Needham has resigned from the Trust Fund Committee. Information regarding donations will be provided for the next issue by his successor, Ross Valliant.

Thanks, Harry, for being first each month to provide your submission to our newsletter! ☺ L.E.

WARNING TO VETERANS RE EMAIL SCAM

Subject: Direct Deposit Veterans Affairs Canada

Compts -

Below is an e-mail that was received by one of our members purportedly from Veteran Affairs Canada (VAC). Within it the member is requested to complete a form to switch their VAC payments to direct deposit. I have spoken with VAC, and they have confirmed that a request such as this would come in writing, not via e-mail, and as well, the form attached is not the proper format for this type of change.

I have forwarded this to VAC who are investigating, and should any of your members receive a similar e-mail they should contact VAC directly.

Please pass on as required.

Andrew (Drew) Quinn
Chief Warrant Officer | Adjudant-chef
A8 CWO | Adjud A8
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-----Original Message-----

From: DirectDeposit-DepotDirect DirectDeposit-DepotDirect [<mailto:DirectDeposit-DepotDirect@vac-acc.gc.ca>]

Sent: May-15-14 12:46 PM

To:

Subject: Direct Deposit - ROGP0H1P0

Attention: Accounts Receivable

Time Is Running Out—Sign Up Today for Direct Deposit!
The Government of Canada is switching from cheques to direct deposit, an electronic transfer of funds deposited directly into your bank account.

Cheque stubs will no longer be printed as of January 2015.

Your banking information will not be used to withdraw money from your account.

If you currently do not or qualify to open a bank account...

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Remittance
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Enrolment Form for
email to the business
Part A of the form. It is recommended that the email account used for the payment advice be a secured generic account that will not be affected by a change of staff in your organization.

Ensure that each invoice submitted has a unique invoice number for your reconciliation purposes.

Please complete and return your enrolment form by email to:

DirectDeposit-DepotDirect@vac-acc.gc.ca

Or by fax: 705-567-7565

Or by mail to: Veterans Affairs Canada

Kirkland Lake Management Centre

8 Oakes Ave

PO Box 4000

Kirkland Lake ON P2N 3P4

ATTN: Program Payments - Finance

Please quote your Business Registration/CRA Number in Part C of the form.

Note: If you wish to change your direct deposit information, a new Direct Deposit Enrolment Form must be completed.

Thank you

Veterans Affairs Canada

Accounts Payable – Direct Deposit Initiative

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From the Branch Secretary

Comrades,

This is a friendly reminder, that your Branch's general meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend general meetings, if they can. Attending general meetings is an opportunity to provide input towards decisions, become familiar with your legion's operations, to meet people and vote on decisions. Most general meetings last for about an hour; after the meeting members have the option to gather in the lounge for comradeship and refreshments (sandwiches, tea, coffee, etc.).

General meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month except for the months of July, August, December and February.

Hope to see you at a general meeting!

Lorraine Lapensée
Branch Secretary



L to R: Lorraine Lapensée (Past President), Suzanne St. John (2nd Vice), Judy Homma (Executive)



From the Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary held its first general meeting of the new legion year at Marshes Golf Club. Newly elected L.A. President, June Tyrrell, commented that she is facing a big learning curve, but that she will do her best for the L.A. and the Branch. June's words of encouragement to members: "Let's all pull together and make the Branch proud of us."

The L.A. meets the first Wednesday of the month (except February and July). The next general meeting of the L.A. will take place at the Branch on August 6, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend, if they can. Most general meetings last for about an hour, after which members have the option to gather in the lounge for comradeship and refreshments.

L.A. members organize and participate in a variety of volunteer events and activities in support of the Branch and our veterans within the community. For additional information on the role of the L.A., how you can volunteer or become a member, please refer to the Branch's website www.kanatabr638.ca.

Lorraine Elmas
L.A. Secretary



L to R: May Aird (Member), June Tyrrell (President), Lorraine Elmas (Secretary), Angie Jacklin (1st Vice)



Lydia Fancy (Member), Bev Connell (Executive), Valda Brooks (Member)



Marg Burton (Immediate Past President) Nancy Medynski (Sgt-at-Arms)



Betty Ann Pollock (Treasurer) Johanna Walters (Member)



Diana Ginn (Member)



Martha Dormor (Member) Winni Ponto (Life Member)



Photo and caption by Terry Jenkins

Left: Immediate Past President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Marg Burton, presents cheques to Branch President, John Cher, totalling \$6,600 to help pay down the mortgage and for washroom renovations.

The following anecdote was written by the late Comrade Jim Lowe



A Rude Awakening

While serving on an examination vessel in the Bay of Fundy in 1944, we boarded a Russian ship to inspect its manifest and cargo. It had been at sea for six weeks, and when we approached the ship in a longboat, the crew of the Russian ship crowded the rails, looking down at us, and watching us come aboard. We were two young Canadian sailors and a young Lieutenant Examination officer. All three of us, still in our late teens.

All the way up the gangway, the Russian crew members were shouting, "comrade, comrade!"

We didn't realize, until we got aboard, that the whole ship's company were big, lusty-busty Russian women who had been at sea for at least six weeks and were extremely happy to see us healthy-looking young fellows.

Needless to say, it didn't take us too long to inspect the cargo and manifests and get out of there. Those women wanted more than a "hello" from us, and our examination officer was smart enough to order a hasty and dignified retreat to our own ship.

We later found out that the same Russian crew tried to gain access to a Merchant Seaman's Club, and when they were refused, because they were female, they proceeded to bust up the club. Some of them would have put King-Kong to shame. It took several weeks to put the club back into working order.

Written in Kanata, Ontario, on February 27, 2007, by James H. Lowe, former Sig. T.O. R.C.N.V.R., V69484

Recruitment Report

Dominion Command set up a "Virtual Legion Branch" at the 4th Annual Defense Community Family Appreciation Days, May 31 to June 1, 2014, held at the Uplands base. This event was hosted by Canadian Forces Personnel and Family Support Services. They attract current and former Regular and Reserve Force CAF members and civilian DND and NPF employees and families.



Comrade Peter Wilkins and I attended the morning shift, May 31st. Our duties were to provide a resting spot out of the sun, complete with water and snacks. Dominion Command personnel were on sight and had a multitude of give-aways.

It was a fun morning. Peter worked the table where pamphlets and give-aways were situated; I worked the kids' area putting on

tattoos and helping to plant poppies.



I will be passing on the gauntlet to George Royle and wish him the best.

Brenda Grant
Recruitment and Retention

Coming Events

Wed., June 18, 7:30 p.m., Branch General Meeting

Fri., June 27, Pizza Night

Sun., June 29, 2-4 p.m., Birthday and Anniversary Celebration

Tues., July 1, 11:30 a.m., President's BBQ

Sat., July 5, 10 a.m. -3 p.m., Bikers & Car Rally fundraiser for veterans service dogs

Wed., July 9, Branch Executive Meeting

Sat., July 19, District Golf Tournament

Fri., July 25, Family BBQ and Loonie Auction

Sun., July 27, 2-4 p.m., Birthday & Anniversary Celebration

Wed., Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m., L.A. General Meeting

Thurs., Aug. 14, Ray Ponto Memorial Golf Tournament & Dinner, Greensmere G&CC

Fri., Aug. 22, Pizza Night

Sun., Aug. 24, Car Rally & Corn Roast & Hamburgers & WiFi Bowling

Fri., Aug. 29, Pizza Night

Sun., Aug. 31, 2-4 p.m., Birthday and Anniversary Celebration

Sat., Sept. 13, 25th Charter Anniversary Dinner at the branch

The above list is a draft. The Ways & Means Committee will submit a proposed schedule of L.A. and branch events for approval at the General Meeting on June 18th. The approved list of events for the year will be published in the next issue. L.E.

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Please visit our website at www.kanatabr638.ca for a wealth of information regarding the Branch.

FAMILY BBQ & LOONIE AUCTION



JULY 25TH
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

**This is the first of the Ways & Means Committee events
to Pay Down The Mortgage.**

**Items for the Loonie Auction gratefully accepted on
Fridays during Fish and Chips
or contact Pat Cher (613) 831-0298**

