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# CONTACT!

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## The Prez Sez:

Congratulations to Branch members Clay Wheaton, Reg Redknap and Gerald Bowen on being awarded The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

I would also like to congratulate Bill Berry on being awarded the Jubilee Medal.

This year's Poppy Campaign has ended and it looks like we will have a total close to, if not at, last year's total, despite the loss of at least \$6,000 due to the NHL lockout. Well done, Poppy Chair Moira and her captains.

What IS disappointing, in the face of this fine effort, is that some of the table Captains reported that a few of the members told them not to bother them about volunteering during the Poppy drive. I certainly realize that our members are volunteers, however, we at the Branch do not ask much of our members, except during the Poppy Campaign. I would like to remind all that when we are initiated we all pledge to work the Poppy drive. Sir Winston Churchill said, "NEVER HAS SO MUCH BEEN OWED BY SO MANY TO SO FEW". That was over seventy years ago and over those seventy years it is as true today as then.

The Remembrance day parade and social was well attended and appreciated by all. Many approached me at the Branch and mentioned the parade looked great and the social was superb. Thank you to the Ladies' Auxiliary for the great food. Sobey's on March Road donated all of the food and the Ladies prepared it. The Colour Party looked great and the Band did their usual fantastic job. John Gooch, Dave Macpherson, George Pollock, Don Raven, Mike Chopowich, Dan Knighton, Bob Thompson, Keith Hollyer and Brent Maveety were at the Cenotaph early, in the rain, to set up.

Another 'thank you goes to Mark Hunter for placing Poppy boxes in the small businesses and to Mark Triemstra for helping me do the same. Last but not least to Moira Green and her Table Captains for a great organizing effort and to the dozens of Branch Members, volunteers and Cadets. We could not do it without you. Thank you all.

Two new members played an important role for our Remembrance Parade, Andrew Nellestyn as Parade Commander and Andy Sweet a Parade Warrant. Thank you for a job well done.

Our annual Remembrance Dinner held on Nov 12th was attended by 60 members and spouses. A fantastic video was presented by our guest speaker Andrew Nellestyn.

As a reminder the LA Festive Dinner is being held on Friday Nov. 30th.

John Cher  
Pres.

### A Red Beret?

If you noticed that one of the Colour Party was wearing a red beret with an unfamiliar badge, you WEREN'T seeing things.

Under the beret was Michael Shuster, Chairman of the North American Branch of the Royal Military Police Association. He and his chum Brian Drake of the Middlesex Regiment ("The Diehards"), came up from Brampton to participate in our parade.

Thank you, comrades.



to see if we can show you more of them on our website.

**COME TO THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING AND SEE A SLIDESHOW OF THIS YEAR'S REMEMBRANCE DAY, FOLLOWING THE MEETING.**

**YES, YOU WILL HAVE TIME TO GRAB A DRINK BEFORE IT STARTS!**

Thanks VERY much for the photos. It is a very good thing that no one had to count on ME to take photos!!!

- Harry Needham



## Ed. Note:

Gene Szabo, CF photographer Dennis Mah and Brian Drake have emailed us a LARGE number of photos of all aspects of the parade, reception at the Branch etc. It is only possible to reproduce a few of them in this issue, but I am sending all of them to our Webmaster (-mistress?) (-person???), Pat Cher,

**A very good turnout indeed.**

*Everyone is invited! You are invited!*

*Please join the Ladies' Auxiliary at their*

*Annual Christmas Decorating the Branch Event  
And  
Pot Luck Dinner*

*This Sunday, November 18, 2012*

*Anytime after 3:00 p.m.*

*There is no charge! No signing up in advance! No getting your tickets early!*

*Just have to show up with something for the Pot Luck Dinner!*

*We have the decorations!*

*A time to visit! An opportunity to meet and greet! Have some fun!*

*WHAT A GREAT WAY TO GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!*

*HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!*

## **The Second Vice**

On Thursday October 11 First Vice Dan Knighton and I attended a presentation at the Perley Rideau. It was, as usual, informative and interesting. We were taken on a tour and shown a new sub station which is a rest area designed to be more efficient for staff and more accesable for residents. An attractive, cosy fireplace was turned on and a flat screen television and comfortable sofas/ chairs available for residents. It was very impressive. The fact that this area was furnished by The Royal Canadian Legion Kanata Branch 638 was very rewarding. Yes, our poppy Dollars are working for our Veterans.

Under construction is a Seniors' Village consisting of 139 apartments varying from a studio to a one and two bedroom suite. Assisted living services are available and many amenities. I have brochures if anyone is interested in this project.

We were also introduced to veterans who were involved in various events and activities, each of whom were happy to see us and have a chat.

A good and positive experience all around and a reminder that our veterans deserve the best that we are able to give them.

Lest we forget.



*Dan Knighton and Moira Green with Doris Jenkins and Dan Clapin of The Perley-Rideau*

## **Seniors Officer Report**

On Sunday October 28 members of the branch helped Bev and Morley celebrate their 22nd Wedding Anniversary with cake, ice cream and a



card. Congratulations to Bob Kingston on the occasion of his 91st birthday. Bob couldn't be with us but we send him every best wish.

November occasions will be celebrated on Sunday November 25 at 2 00 p m in the lounge. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the lounge.

Also as that is Grey Cup day we thought we would extend the p m to include a pot luck supper and watch the game on our lounge tv. Again please sign up so we can get set up for the occasion. Hope to see you then.

## Sick and Visiting Report

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Lyall Gow, Jim Lowe, Harry Riley, Peggy Yorath & Herb Powers

Thanks to Rev. John Bridges for visiting the Queenway Carleton in lieu Of Padre Craig who has now returned from a sabbatical. Please keep me posted if you are aware of any veteran/member in need of a card or a visit.

Thanks

Moir



## Lest We Forget,

(courtesy of Brenda Grant)

It is the VETERAN , not the preacher,

Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN , not the reporter,

Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN , not the poet,

Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN , not the campus organizer,

Who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN , not the lawyer,

Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN , not the politician,

Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the VETERAN ,

Who salutes the Flag,

It is the veteran ,

Who serves under the Flag,

ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD, AND LET  
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

I don't usually suggest that many emails be forwarded, but I'd be  
EXTREMELY proud if this one reached as many as possible. We can be  
very proud of our young men and women in the service no matter where they serve.

**Celebrate Birthdays/ Anniversaries and Grey cup Day on Sunday November 25 starting at 2 00 p m in the lounge. Pot Luck supper also. Signup sheet in the lounge. Come out and have some fun.**



## The Third Vice

### From the bar.

Wish to thank my meager hard working crew of bartenders, for their help in keeping the bar operating during the many functions at this time of year. Well done. Having said that we will need your continued support during the "Christmas Season". If you would like to join our crew, please let me know. We need some new bodies.

George Medynski(Bar Manager)

Also, as we close out "Poppy campaign" I want to take this opportunity to thank all who manned the table at Wal-Mart. When you joined "Legion" this was one of the pledges made, and you have fulfilled your promise, for this very worthy and important part of our being. So again, for a job well done, Thank you all.

George Medynski(Wal-Mart table captain)



## The Ladies Auxiliary:

On Monday October 22nd, Marg Burton, Bev Connell and myself packed gift bags for veterans in local, long term care and retirement residences. The bags contained such items as kleenex, pens, deodorant, bar soap, lip balm, hand cream and various other necessary items. As well each bag contained a goodie bag with juice box, paws cookies, chips, chocolate bars and fruit gummies. On Tuesday 23rd we delivered approximately 65 bags to various homes in the Kanata community.



Included was Garden Terrace, the Empress, Stonehaven, and Chartwell, as well we visited two vets at the Queensway Carleton Hospital. Moira Green assisted the delivery at Bridlewood Trails. We were well received by the all the residents. Unfortunately, some homes were not on our list, as they would neither provide names or room numbers, so unfortunate. If anyone knows of any vets or spouses of vets who require a little cheering up please contact Moira Green or myself Nancy Medynski. Thanks to the Branch for assisting the Ladies Auxiliary financially with the purchase of items for the gift bags. Thanks also to Marg, Bev, and Moira for helping me spread cheer to our veterans.

Yours in comradship  
Nancy Medynski



*From:*  
**RCL 638**  
*Ladies Auxiliary*

## *Annual Christmas Dinner*

**Friday, November 30, 2012**

*Cocktails 5:30 PM*

*Dinner 6:15 PM*

*Menu : Roast Turkey  
With all the Trimmings*

*Desert Buffet*



**Tickets \$15 per person**  
Only in advance, at the bar

Please bring a donation for the food bank

### **Donations**

**This month, the Branch is donating \$250 each to the Kanata Food Cupboard and the Kanata Minor Hockey Association.**

***Your Bingo revenues at work!***



**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**CELEBRATION**

**GREAT FOOD!† GREAT MUSIC!† LOADS OF FUN!**

**THE BEST NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**CELEBRATION IN IN KANATA!**

**TICKETS ARE \$35.00/PERSON**

**†**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE† NOW!**

**ONLY UNTIL DECEMBER 22, 2012!**

**BRING IN THE NEW YEAR AT BRANCH #6  
38!†**

**THE BEST!**



**And WHAT A CAKE!**



**At the end of the Remembrance Day reception at the Branch, there was THE CAKE!**





The Ladies Auxiliary wishes to extend special thanks to Clay Wheaton for selling bags of apples at their recent anniversary dinner.

## Recapping the Coming Events:

Wednesday, 14 November – Branch Executive Meeting, 1730

Sunday, 18 November, XMAS decorating & pot-luck supper, 1500-????

Wednesday, 21 November – Branch General Meeting, 1730

Saturday, 24 November – Annual L.A. Bazaar, Crafts & Bake Sale, 0930-1500

Sunday, 25 November, monthly Birthday/ Anniversary celebration AND Grey Cup Party with pot-luck supper, 1400 to ????

Friday, 30 November – Christmas Party. Details at Branch & via email.

Wednesday, 12 December – Executive Meeting, 1930

Wednesday, 19 December, General Meeting. 1930

Monday, 31 December, New Year's Eve Party.  
BOOK BEFORE 22 DECEMBER,

### A Horizon

Imagine you are standing on a seashore.  
A ship at your side spreads her white sails to the  
morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean.  
She is an object of beauty and strength.  
You watch her until she hangs like a speck where  
sea and sky meet, and as she disappears,  
someone exclaims: "There, she's gone:"  
Gone where? Gone from your sight, that's all.

She is just as large in hull and mast and spar as  
when  
she left your side.  
Her diminished size is in you, not her.  
And just at the moment someone at your side  
says,  
"She's gone," there are other eyes watching for  
her  
coming and other voices ready to take up the glad  
shout, "Here she comes."  
And this is what we call dying.  
Life itself is eternal.  
Death is only a horizon, and a horizon is nothing  
but the limit of our sight.

Faith allows us to see more.

Thanks to Garry Fancy for sharing this with us.

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