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CONTACT!

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The Prez Sez:

The Annual Poppy Campaign will begin on October 26th. We are in need of volunteers to man the various Poppy tables. Please call the Branch with your available times and one of the Table Captains will contact you. Moira Green has been working extremely hard and long on this campaign and deserves a special Thank you.

We have received four quotations for upgrading our washrooms. Cde Ivan Hawley has submitted a request to the Government for funding to complete this project.

The Oktoberfest party will be held on October 26th. A limited number of tickets are available, so those interested should make their requirements known asap by calling the Branch and reserving their tickets.

Thank you to Annette and Jack Edelson for donating a new computer to the Branch.

The Annual Veterans' Dinner will be held on Monday November 12th. More information will be forthcoming.

The Branch Annual Zone inspection was conducted Oct 11th and we passed with flying colours.

Our hall rentals are almost at capacity. We are in need of volunteers to help out it if this very important fundraising function is to continue. Help is needed in catering, bar help, bingo and setup and cleanup. The same helpers have been doing these jobs for years and I'm afraid that burn out is around the corner.

John Cher, President



Canadian military cemetery at Bény-sur-Mer in Normandie, where the Canadian casualties of the D-Day landings are buried.

THE VETERANS: DISCOVERING OUR MILITARY PAST THROUGH THE EYES OF THOSE WHO WERE THERE

The Veterans is a 62 episode documentary series which illustrates the impact of Canada's participation in foreign conflicts and crises on Canada, Canadians and the military from WWI up to and including Afghanistan. The documentary focuses on civics, citizenship, nation building and leadership and examines the influence of the changing nature of warfare on doctrine, operations, education, training and equipment. The Veterans also touches on the role of Canadians at large, the industrial and scientific community, aid organizations and NGOs.

The documentary is an oral history. It is a look at Canada's veterans and the serving men and women of the Canadian Forces, their experiences during time of service and what impact it had on them. All branches of service are included.

By examining this series episode by episode you will discover how Canada's military evolved into the modern, well trained and highly capable military it is today. You'll hear from those who were directly involved in that transition process.

The men and women interviewed in the documentary series served selflessly to help make this a better place for everyone. They served to protect our freedom, champion human rights, promote Canada's values and preserve democracy. **Let us never forget what they have done and how much we owe them.**

The Veterans can be viewed at <http://vimeo.com/channels>

For more information, please contact:

Colonel (Retd) Andrew Nellestyn OSTJ PhD
Co-producer The Veterans
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One of the most remembered houses in Canadian military history – "La Maison Queen's Own Rifles of Canada" on the seafront at Bernières-sur-Mer, where the regiment landed at dawn on D-Day. The regiment's first casualties were temporarily interred in the house's small garden.

The Second Vice

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Happy 55th anniversary to

Pat and Conrad Smith

Thanks to all who turned out for this special occasion. Thanks to Terry on bar and for the karioke machine. Thanks to Lorraine for helping out. Thanks to Terry for his rendition of Raindrops keep falling on my head and Moira for Moon River. We will continue with our day jobs as no contracts were forthcoming!

Next event Sunday October 28th 2 00p m for cake and ice cream.

Sign up sheet in the lounge.

Hope to see you then.

- Moira

Poppy Campaign 2012

That time is almost here. October 26th, a Friday, marks the beginning of the poppy campaign. During the month of October a table captain will be calling you re your poppy duty. The success of our campaign greatly depends on the number of volunteers able to man tables and visit small businesses. If you have not been contacted by your usual table captain, please give them a call. For your information here follows a list of table captains and stores, phone numbers and email addresses. Please don't be one of the people who say " I didn't get a call". Take the initiative and give them a call. Thank you in advance for your participation. Without your help we can't do it. Veterans, seniors and community are what we are about. Here's to a successful poppy campaign! Lest we forget.

- Moira

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Wallmart George Medynski
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- Superstore Bev Connell

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- Hazeldean Mall Ursula Seyler
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- Loblaws Centrum Morley Connell 613
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- Small stores John Cher
- 613 831 0298 j.cher@sympatico.ca

- Supplies George Pollock 613 836
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- Scotiaplace Don Raven
- 613 836 2891 draven@sympatico.ca

Does anyone out there care about their branch?

The following is the text of a message to the Fish & Chips Team from the Kitchen Coordinator. President John Cher thought you should know where we stand.

"I have had NO response at all to the broadcasts for more servers and dishwashers. If any of you can dragoon anyone else into the "Fish & Chip" club, please do.

Otherwise, I'm afraid that when the current volunteers burn out, we will have to make a decision on continuing.

You all know how important the revenue is to the Branch.

Any ideas on how to get that across to the rest of them? (And I don't mean the senior members who have already done more than their fair share in the past.)

Sue"

"There are old pilots, and there are...": Flying Officer Roy Brook

**By Garry Fancy
Contributing Editor**

The old saying, there are old pilots and bold pilots, but no old, bold pilots, proved so true in the case of Flying Officer Roy Brook

I was a young Engineering Officer, enjoying my first RCAF posting at 6 Repair Depot, Trenton, in the years 1962 to 1966. 129 Test and Ferry Flight was a lodger unit of 6 RD, tasked with ferrying aircraft all over the country. One of the pilots at 129 was Roy Brook. Roy was a young gentlemanly ex-Brit/RAF pilot who had returned to Canada after flying Sabres with 1 Air Division. Roy was a devoted young father of a baby son, and husband, who enjoyed a short Friday beer call, and always phoned his wife Marielle, from the Mess to tell her when he was leaving.

Roy and I lived in the same apartment building, and so were on good terms. Roy knew that I loved flying (I did not yet have a pilot's license) and so every once in a while, he would say "Garry, I am taking an aircraft to Dunneville to-morrow. Want to come along?. "Sure, just have to get my boss's permission". I well remember one such trip in an Expediter, flying across Lake Ontario, with the water mere feet from the propeller tips, and then flying up the Niagara Gorge and looking UP at the land. I thought Roy was a great pilot, and flying was surely very exciting.

Some months later, my wife phoned me at work and said "The CO and Padre just came to the building and seem to be at the Brook's apartment."

Roy had just killed himself at Dunneville doing rolls between the hangars in a simple "docile" Chipmunk. Later, at beer call I mentioned to the PAdO (F/L Jim Elmsley) that Roy was a good friend. "Ah ha" said he, "I am looking for an escort for the body to Winnipeg, and you, young man, are it." The trip in

an RCAF Dakota to Winnipeg was one of the coldest and most unpleasant aircraft trips I ever had!

As an afterthought, I wonder what ever became of Roy's son who by now would be about fifty. It would be fitting to say hello to him.

Garry Fancy

Oktoberfest 2012

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 26, 2012
LEGION HALL, 70 HINES ROAD
KANATA
COCKTAILS AT 5:30 P.M.
DINNER AT 7:00 P.M.
FEATURING THE OTTAWA RUBE
BAND**

Menu

**Sauerbraten
Sausage
Red Cabbage
Sauerkraut
Potato Salad
Spatzel**

Assorted Desserts

Tea, Coffee

***Tickets: \$ 35.00 available at the
Branch,
call 613-591 5570***

The Third Vice

BAR NEWS

The cleaning of the bar fridge has been completed. All walls and shelving were scrubbed down, and racks emptied and taken outside and pressure washed. Waxed down racks, but jury still out on if it helped. Restocked racks.

Have recruited one new bartender, who has taken his "smart serve", and awaiting results, and have one on the go.

Bartended a function where they rented hall for "office jam session", where at least 20 people played and/or sang, as groups or duets, etc.. I spoke with them and have potentially recruited them to come use legion hall for jam sessions, which hopefully we can turn into pub nights. Much like we are doing with the "Legion Band". Will keep membership posted.

- George Medynski

The Sergeant at Arms:

Remembrance Day is coming up fast. The colour party always has a bunch of requests for its services, and that is certainly true for this year.

Dan Knighton and I, along with the Highland Mist band members went to Brighton on the 29th of September. We marched with the Brighton's legion colour party in the Apple Fest Parade, a really good time.

On the 20th of October the Colour Party will be taking part in a grave side Poppy Service at Beechwood cemetery for a WWII veteran.

Our first Remembrance service will be at the West Carleton Legion on the 3rd of November. We will have at least three more services until our own on the 11th. The final detail will be the Kanata Santa Claus Parade on the 17th.

- Bob Thompson

The President of the Ladies' Auxiliary

***Ladies' Auxiliary
invites you to
THREE EVENTS in November!***

Please consider marking them on your calendars or
in your Blackberries

#1 - Sunday, November 18, 2012 –

Decorating the legion for Christmas followed by a
pot luck supper, 3:00 p.m.

You are invited to

***HELP DECORATE OUR BRANCH FOR XMAS 2012
and
at the same time get into the Christmas Spirit!***

***The Ladies' Auxiliary
is hosting a
Xmas Decoration / Pot Luck Supper
Sunday, November 18, 2012 3:00 p.m.
[mark this date on your calendar]***

Decorations are provided.

Everyone is welcome! The more the merrier!

Stay afterwards to enjoy a pot luck supper.

Hope to see you there!

#2 - Saturday, November 24, 2012

Annual Bazaar – Crafts and Baked goods –
Hazeldean Mall. 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Invitation to all members:

**Annual Xmas Bazaar – Saturday, November 24,
2012 at the Hazeldean Mall, in the Food Court.**

**Support your Ladies' Auxiliary by donating crafts,
knitting, baking, preserves, jams or/and jellies for
their Annual Xmas Bazaar on November 24, 2012.
Homemade baking, preserves, jams and jellies are
always a big hit! Come out to shop.**

All donated items can be dropped off either at the
Kanata Legion on Friday, November 23, 2012 no
later than 3:00 p.m. or at the Hazeldean Mall
between 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. on Saturday,
November 24, 2012.

For further information, please contact:

**Marg Burton, Annual Bazaar Co-ordinator at 613-
592-5198**

**As always your support is very much appreciated.
Thank you.**

#3 - Friday, November 30, 2012 -

Ladies' Auxiliary is hosting a Christmas Party on
Friday, November 30, 2012 and you are invited.
Everyone is welcome! Guests can look forward to
tantalizing their taste buds with a Turkey Dinner
and all the trimmings and enjoying music by the
Green Briar Band. Further details to be announced
in the near future.

Ways and Means Committee:

***A special request from the Branch's Ways
and Means Committee...***

The Ways and Means Committee will be organizing
a fundraiser involving the collection of electronic
items for disposal (please refer to lists below of
items) some time in the Spring of 2013 and asks
that you hold on to that computer, cell phone, etc.
you are going to throw out for our Spring 2013
Fundraiser and make mention to everyone you
know to consider disposing electronic items with
the Kanata legion.

FACTS:

The City of Ottawa no longer allows collection or
recycling of Phase 1 electronic waste (e-waste) for
disposal by companies who are not authorized
agents of the Ontario Electronics Stewardship
Program. This includes:

PHASE 1

- Televisions
- Desktop computers and terminals
- Monitors
- Laptop computers
- Desktop printers
- Fax machines
- Disk drives
- CD-ROM drives
- Keyboards and mice

"NEW" PHASE 2

The following items and the above must now be collected and recycled by authorised agents of the Ontario Electronics Stewardship Program.

- Amplifiers, stereos, speakers, receivers
- Cameras, digital cameras
- Copiers, fax machines, scanners
- Pagers, PDAs
- Radios, TVs all used hospital equipment
- Telephones, cell phones, answering machines
- VCR and DVD players

Target Recycling would like to discuss ways in which we can divert these items from your waste stream, safely and complete with an Ontario government approved certificate of destruction. Remember, even a reformatted hard drive can contain vast quantities of confidential information that may end up in the wrong hands. Target Recycling will physically destroy your hard drives assuring you your valuable information goes no further. We invite all customers to visit our site for a tour of the facilities and see for yourself how secure and safe our operation is.

Target Recycling is a certified Member of the Electronic Stewardship Program. Visit our website at <http://www.targetrecycling.com>

From the Volunteer Coordinator:

Poppy Campaign 2012

A volunteer or volunteers are needed to distribute poppy boxes to the Centrum Mall and the Signature Mall. If you are able to help out please

contact President John Cher.

Phone 613 8310298
email j.cher@sympatico.ca

Thanks in advance for your help.



German military cemetery near Bayeux, where their D-Day casualties are interred, the majority as "unknowns" in a mass grave beneath the mound. Like many German military cemeteries, it seems a dark, brooding place, despite the open lawns and sunshine.

From m the L.A. Events Convenor

PUB NIGHT Sept. 21, 2012

Our first "Pub Night" was held at the Branch and what an event it was. Over 120 amazing fish, chips and dessert were served.

The Ladies Auxilliary hosted the event, and it was convened by Nancy Medynski.

The Green Briar Band consisting of 6 musicians were the entertainment, which was enjoyed by all. Many thanks go out to the following who helped with its success:

John Cher as chief fish fryer and Brenda Grant who was in charge of the chip frying (the Chipper, as we like to call her) and making of the tartar sauce. Others who deserve a Big Thank-you are Andy and Patsy Sweet and Barb Smith who were the servers/table clearers, Pat Cher and Bev Connell who prepared the coleslaw, Marg Burton and George Medynski who wrapped the cutlery, Pat Cher who was responsible for accepting the cash at the door, Betty-Ann Pollock who made the tea and coffee. Thanks also to Dan Knighton for being our reliable dishwasher.

Others we must not forget are Lynne McPherson who successfully recruited all our volunteers, Bob Thompson, assisted by George Medynski, who always does a great job of setting -up the hall and last but not least to Mary Aird who donated some door prizes. Thanks also go out to our 2 volunteer Bar Tenders for the evening Pat Rose and Joe Ferroni.

Thank-you, Thank-you, What a great event.

Ladies Auxilliary 20th Anniversary Finale event, Sat. Oct. 13th, 2012

The last event for the Ladies Auxilliary 20th Anniversary was held Sat. Oct. 13, was a Harvest Dinner, which also turned out to be a great night. A fantastic meal made up of ham with pineapple, scalloped potatoes, fresh fall vegetables, consisting of squash, beets, carrots and brussel sprouts, rolls and pumpkin or apple pie. Sixty-four (64) people enjoyed this scrumptious meal.

Our chefs for the night were George and Betty-Ann Pollock, one of your best meal preps ever, THANK-YOU for a job well done.

Many thanks also go out to the following for helping with this great event:

George and Nancy Medynski helped with vegetable preps on Friday, The table setters and decorators June Tyrell and Carol C, Garry and Lydia Fancy for being in charge of the money at the door, as well as donating door prizes for the event. Pat Cher received the dinner tickets as guests arrived at the Buffet. The buffet servers/table clearers, Lynne McPherson, Brenda Grant and 2 volunteer high school students Farren Medynski and her friend Juliette Bacon, great job girls! Thanks also go out to Dave McPherson for doing the dishes and Bartenders Pat Rose and Joe Ferroni.

As usual Lynne did a great job recruiting all the volunteers and thanks also Lynne for making the fall candle decorations for all the tables. They looked very nice.

Thanks Ivan Hawley for giving thanks for the wonderful food.

It's unfortunate more L.A. and Branch members could not see their way clear to attend this event milestone, you missed a fun night.

Thanks again to the Green Briar Band, consisting of Dale and Rebecca Aiken, Gary Turner, Mike, Andrew, and Cindy Kruger, Lynne and Hans . As usual, you did a great job with the musical entertainment and getting the guests up to dance. A special thanks to

Marg Burton for obtaining two bushells of apples from Farm Boy as a donation. They were very tasty.

Your convenor
Nancy Medynski

The General Trust Fund Committee, with the Executive's agreement, has decided to create a reserve fund of approximately \$1,000, in case there arises an urgent requirement for a significant donation.

Accordingly, there is only one donation this month – of \$250 to The Shepherds of Good Hope, whose work in our community requires no explanation.



Wilfrid Owen

Of all the war poets of the 20th Century, perhaps the best-loved and most-remembered, especially by Great War veterans, is Wilfrid Owen, who wrote not of the glory of war but of its harsh reality.

At this special time of Remembrance, it is fitting that we read once again, a few of his poems. It helps us Remember them –men like my uncles, who fought at Ypres, Vimy and the others.. Here is a sample.

Harry Needham

Apologia Pro Poemate Meo

I, too, saw God through mud—
The mud that cracked on cheeks when wretches smiled.
War brought more glory to their eyes than blood,
And gave their laughs more glee than shakes a child.

Merry it was to laugh there—
Where death becomes absurd and life absurder.
For power was on us as we slashed bones bare
Not to feel sickness or remorse of murder.

I, too, have dropped off fear—
Behind the barrage, dead as my platoon,
And sailed my spirit surging, light and clear,
Past the entanglement where hopes lie strewn;

And witnessed exultation—
Faces that used to curse me, scowl for scowl,
Shine and lift up with passion of oblation,
Seraphic for an hour, though they were foul.

I have made fellowships—
Untold of happy lovers in old song.
For love is not the binding of fair lips
With the soft silk of eyes that look and long.

By joy, whose ribbon slips,—
But wound with war's hard wire whose stakes are
strong;
Bound with the bandage of the arm that drips;
Knit in the welding of the rifle-thong.

I have perceived much beauty
In the hoarse oaths that kept our courage straight;
Heard music in the silentness of duty;
Found peace where shell-storms spouted reddest spate.

Nevertheless, except you share
With them in hell the sorrowful dark of hell,
Whose world is but a trembling of a flare
And heaven but a highway for a shell,

You shall not hear their mirth:
You shall not come to think them well content
By any jest of mine. These men are worth
Your tears: You are not worth their merriment.

Wilfred Owen

*An on-line collection of Wilfrid Owen's poems may
be found at:*

<http://www.poemhunter.com/wilfred-owen/poems/>

Recapping the Coming Events:

Friday, 26 October – Oktoberfest Party, cocktails at 1530, dinner at 1700

Wednesday 5 November – Branch Executive Meeting, 1730

Sunday, 11 November – Remembrance Day Service at the Kanata Cenotaph begins approximately 1045 HRS, BUT ARRIVE EARLY IF YOU WANT A SEAT OR A GOOD VIEWPOINT. Reception following at the Branch

Monday, 12 November – Annual Veterans Dinner. Details later,

Wednesday, 14 November – Branch General Meeting, 1730

Sunday, 18 November, XMAS decorating & pot-luck supper, 1599-????

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

Friday, 30 November – Christmas Party. Details later.

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