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A busy time for Breton Branch 8 Ladies Auxiliary

Breton Branch 8 Ladies Auxiliary is a busy Ladies Auxiliary. Members have gathered yarn to be sent to the Iqaluit Elders Club for the use of the seniors. The Elders Club was built and maintained by Iqaluit Branch 168.

Commodities such as yarn and craft supplies are very expensive to purchase in Nunavut and donations such as these keep the elders busy and

happily knitting and crocheting hats, socks and other items that are needed by the people.

The Ladies Auxiliary have also put together a very large donation for the "We Care" project at the MRFC. Small items such as hard candy, magazines, disposable razors, paperbacks and cards are sent to military personnel serving overseas. They are a small reminders of home and remind them

that we do care.

The ladies cater to many weddings, banquets and host a Friday night supper which is well appreciated and supported by the community. They were happy to supply supper and donations to the military's Run for the Wish event in 2012. Their hands are always busy and their hearts are always light.

OPINION

Supreme Court voted against sharing veteran pension surplus

By John Labelle

The Prime Minister of Canada has abandoned Canada's Military/RCMP Veterans.

The recent Supreme Court verdict of 9-0 in favour of the Government of Canada, denied Military, RCMP and several Public unions the return of the \$28 billion surplus dollars taken from their pension account to pay down the National debt. Military personnel and Veterans were furious to learn that appointed non-elected Supreme Court Judges side stepped the issue in favour of the Government rather than administer the law and protect employees retirement plans. They should have declared employees pension plan funds as sacred retirement benefits for employees and their families. This grave decision made by the court will place many company pension plans at risk in the future. Owners will deplete surplus funds from their employees pension plan to invest in their company and many pensioners plans will be at risk in the future.

Speaking on the Military Annuity plan, Veterans remember that the Government of Canada took a premium holiday during the 6 and 5 wages and price control years and never repaid it back to their pension plan. The current very large surplus (billions of dollars) accumulated in the Military

Annuity account will also be depleted to pay down the National debt and/or to purchase new Military equipment. Why is the Government planning to increase military personnel Annuity contributions in the near future when it should be decreasing their contributions?

Consider these listed factors: Unfortunately Canada's Military Heroes have no Unions to negotiate and represent them. Senior Military Officers have no authority to negotiate for their benefits. The Veterans Ombudsman can only review clients of Veterans Affairs files. At age 70, Public Servant supplementary death benefit (SDB) is a paid up policy of \$10,000 dollars compared to \$5,000 dollars for Veterans. The termination of severance pay benefit is another blow to future Veterans and their Families retirement planning. Military personnel serve far abroad on numerous 24/7, 16 hours day of operational requirements without over time pay. Military personnel often face dangerous conditions, health hazards and extended family separation that leads to elevated levels of stress. Canadian forces personnel are committed to an unlimited liability and are prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice to their country Canada.

Where does the Government of Canada stand with regards to democracy, fairness, justice and

dignity towards its Veterans when it is not willing to share the surplus in their Annuity plan? At age 65 the Government claws back Military personnel CPP benefits while it exempts Senators, Members of Parliament and Judge Advocates. Are Veterans not also worthy? Canada's Armed Forces is the only Force in the world that is directed to purchase their own disability insurance protection (SISIP). Disabled Veterans Annuity is clawed back immediately! The Government of Canada terminated the pension Act disability protection of its disabled Veterans and their Families. The new lump sum payment plan robs disabled Veterans 60% of their previous disability benefits. This situation will cause serious financial hardship to many Veterans and their Families in the future. The closure of Veterans hospital beds and the production of TV style dinners for disabled Veterans is the latest pain the Government has inflicted on our disabled Veterans. Veterans must now often resort to the courts to receive job related disability benefits. Mr. Harper, as the Prime Minister of Canada, you must take full responsibility for abandoning Canada's Veterans!

We shall remember!

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Glen Parker

Convention

Calais Branch 162 will host the 2013 Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Convention on May 18-21.

There is a full agenda and some tough and important decisions that will have to be made. Delegates will be looking for creative ways to increase membership as well as increase participation in branch events by the members already in



Branch 9 President Conrad Gilbert serves a table during the annual senior's party at the branch on April 17.

place. It goes without saying that meeting the fixed operating costs like heat, power, insurance, is a real threat to many branches. Those types of costs are not going down, they are headed in the other direction.

So, there are lots of challenges for the convention delegates. I am sure that all of the branch members across the command will be represented fairly by the delegates from their own branch at the convention.

Seniors treated

Every year in April, Hants County Branch 9 hosts an afternoon of entertainment and fellowship for area senior citizens.

The folks, usually numbering in the 100s, from a number of area nursing homes and seniors residences are bussed in to enjoy some good music and, of course, a bountiful lunch.

I've seen over the years how much the seniors enjoy this event. For many, especially those confined to a wheelchair, being picked up by bus, brought to the legion and given the VIP treatment for the afternoon is heart warming.

Message from the President

Comrades,

Lewis Carroll said "Life teaches us that the only worthwhile endeavor is in serving others."

My life is fuller and richer for having served this Command for the past two years.

To be given the opportunity to interact with so many comrades, veterans and branches has been such an enriching experience. Each brings its own perspective on how we serve. What a pleasure to belong to such a great organization.

The District and Zone Commanders are to be commended and thanked from the bottom of my heart for their dedication and hard work over the past two years.

I cannot begin to express my gratitude for such a fabulous Sub-Executive.

Through all the bumps and hiccups you were right there to find the best solution. Success is based on sharing, commitment and exchange and we had that. I will continue to serve my Command as its Past

President for the next two years and remain committed to our pledge of service to veterans and serving members.

What can I possibly say about the Command Staff? They are dedicated to a fault, excel at their various jobs and are patient and kind when we arrive for meetings and have them running helter-skelter for each of us. We couldn't possibly do our jobs without you. Bravo-Zulu!

As convention looms close, please make your vote count



for the people you feel can serve your Command and Branches best. It's an important decision, make it wisely.

**In Comradeship,
I remain,
Jean Marie**



Above, Comrade Douglas Moore, Coordinator of the Student of the Term Program for Clementsport Branch 122, presents certificates to Jane Seary, Manager of Fundy YMCA (top photo) and Gregg Gaul, Manager of Upper Clements Parks, for their support of the program. Three times per year they provide passes to five students to attend the park venues.

Valley middle schools answer the call

Middle School Students from Windsor to Clementsport who took part on the Call to Remembrance Quiz were honored at a banquet held at the Royal Canadian Legion Kingston Branch 98 on February 28.

Emcee for the evening was 2nd Vice Leo Jenkins. Guest speaker, Captain Jeremy Wigmore gave a heartwarming and educational talk on his tour of Afghanistan including his interaction with the Afghanistani residents.

Cash prizes, Medallions and Certificates of Participation were awarded to the students who formed the top 3 teams.

All participating student received a certificate and all schools entering a team received a gratuitous cash prize.

The awards were presented by Zone 8 Commander Mervin Steadman with assistance from Korean War Veterans Glen Hardiman, Ernest "Junior" Saulnier and Ronald Batson.

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Shown receiving the Command Curling Championship Trophy from Branch 52 1st vice Peter Comeau are the Fairview Branch 142 team of Steve Elder, John Montgomery, John Flinn and Larry Crewson.

Branch 52 hosts 65th Command bonspiel

The 65th NS/NU Command Legion Curling Championships were hosted by Clare Legion Branch 52 on the weekend of January 11 with 15 teams competing for a chance to advance to the Dominion Championships.

The NS/NU Legion Curling Association Executive and Annual Meetings were held and a new Executive was voted in, President - Dave Murray, Branch 98; 1st Vice - Pete Comeau, Branch 67; 2nd Vice - Rob McNeil, Branch 16; Sec/Treasurer, Ernie Hawboldt, Branch 73.

The bonspiel got underway on Friday night with a double-knockout round at the Clare Curling Club

in Metegan. Bonspiel co-chairs, Comrades Gerard Theriault and Pete Comeau, had everything ready and the curlers were treated to very good ice at the Clare Curling Club.

The winning team of the main event was from Fairview Branch 142. The rink included Steve Elder, John Montgomery, John Flinn and Larry Crewson. They went through undefeated.

The runner-up team (for the second year in a row) was from Windsor Branch 9. That team included Dave Penny, Merle Beach, Mike Wyman and Don Baker.

The consolation event was won by New Germany Branch 102

and was represented by Linda Avery, Emino Mailman, Joyce Byers and Debbie McLean.

The host, Clare Legion Branch 52, did a super job and made the four-day event a great success. The banquet on Saturday night was another example of Branch 52's super hospitality and all enjoyed a delicious roast turkey supper.

NS/NU Command Curling Chairman, Robert Hoeg, thanked Clare Branch 52 Legion for hosting the championship and for a job well done.

Comrade Hoeg reminded all Legion curlers to get out to their branches and get involved in legion work by volunteering.

Service Officer can help with disability benefits application

Byron R. Mullett Command Service Officer

This column brings with it the promise of spring, new life and visions of sitting back by the pool or at the lake enjoying the rewards of this beautiful land.

My last column gave you a brief glimpse into my background. In this column, I would like to speak to one of the common tasks that we as service officers encounter in our daily rounds and give you some insight into the meaningful duties that you are engaged in on behalf of veterans and this Command.

One of the many areas that service officers assist with are Applications for Disability Benefits. While much of the process will be covered in Service Officer Training scheduled for later this year, I will give a brief outline of the fundamentals of preparing a disability application through the Royal Canadian Legion. For those veterans who wish to submit a claim without Legion assistance, the information can be found on the Veterans Affairs Web-site at <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/>

1. RCL Application Form - This allows the Legion authority to process claims

and dialogue with VAC regarding the claim.

2. Proof of Identity - This is to verify military service with VAC. These are the only two documents required for a first application. On receipt of these forms at Command, service is verified and the claim is registered with Central Records Office in Charlottetown. Examples of Proof of Identity commonly used are Provincial Driver's License and Provincial Health Card.

At the same time SHRS (Service Health Records) are requested for download into CSDN (Client Service Data Network). All veteran files, with the exception of those released within 12 months, are kept on file by Veterans Affairs Canada and are placed in the CSDN for review after a claim is registered. Still serving veterans SHRS are requested through the closest CFB Records Centre.

3. After receipt of SHRS, a review is

conducted by the Command Service Officer to determine if there is sufficient information to proceed further with the claim.

4. Once that determination is made, all the necessary forms for the particular claim are printed and sent to the veteran, along with letters to present to service health providers to complete and return to Command for further action.

5. On receipt of all necessary documents, the claim is then forwarded to VAC HQ in

Charlottetown for the adjudication process, which normally has a TAT (turnaround time) of 16 weeks, but is usually longer, depending on complexity and caseload of the adjudicators.

This is a brief glimpse into the Disability Application process. This process, as well as the many other elements of the Service Officer duties will be addressed in future columns and in the training seminars

planned for later this year.

My work with the Service Officers of this Command continues to be a very rewarding experience, and I look forward to continuing our efforts in the future.

The next big event is Convention in May and I hope to meet many of you there.

If you have questions I can be reached at: 902-429-4090 (ext 3) or toll-free at -877-809-1145.



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Love Blooms - A World War One love story

By **Roger LeDrew**

Written below are excerpts from my story Love Blooms, a true World War II love story that took place in the Halifax Public Gardens.

Highlights of this story were requested for use by the Halifax Public Gardens for use in their weekly blog dated August 12, 2012, the 70th wedding anniversary of my parents, Roy and Madeline LeDrew, the main characters of the story. This shortened version recounts their story.

Roy and Madeline LeDrew are two truly remarkable people now living in Bath, Ontario. They are unique in the sense that there are very few, if any, alive today that were in the service at the same time during WWII and are celebrating life today after 70 years of marriage.



Roy and Madeline's elm tree.

The Halifax Public Gardens are more than a Victorian urban garden. It's a place where the story of people's lives play out. Where children's first steps are taken, graduates ponder their future and newlyweds record the start of their new lives together.

These gardens have played a role in the lives of

many generations of Haligonians throughout its 171 year history.

Today we celebrate one of these stories. This is a true love story which began and blossomed at the Gardens.



Madeline and Roy LeDrew in 1941.

Twenty year old Madeline Graves had recently moved to Halifax and was working and living close to the Gardens, looking after six-year-old Mary Lib Kaye. On a beautiful July afternoon, during her day off, Madeline and a friend made their way to the Gardens to listen to a band and relax in the beautiful surroundings.

The year was 1941 and the war had been going on for two long years.



Bedford Basin Convoy 1941.

Bedford Basin was the gathering spot for the ships which would travel across the Atlantic in convoy, escorted and protected by Armed Merchant Cruisers. A return journey took six weeks. The Battle of the Atlantic lasted 2073 days, the longest battle of WWII. One of those escorts was tied up for 10 days and her crew was granted shore-leave.



Victoria Jubilee Fountain.

Madeline entered the Gardens through the Summer St. entrance and immediately caught sight of the beautiful Victoria Jubilee fountain whose nymph was overlooking a group of sailors lounging on the grass. It was quite a sight, but not a place for two unescorted young women to linger in, so they moved on.

They wound their way around Griffin's Pond and stopped to admire another fountain.

This one had a lovely weeping tree beside it with contorted branches. Scattered around the pond were families with children, lovers walking hand in hand and even a busker juggling for money.

Roy LeDrew

Roy, from Grand Falls, Newfoundland was a crew member of the The HMS Montclare, one of the Armed Merchant Cruisers. After a six-week tension filled crossing he was looking forward to leaving the war behind him (even for a night) and enjoy some relaxation onshore. He and a few buddies headed down Lower Water St. on a warm evening. They made their way to the Halifax Public

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Public Gardens plays a role in successful marriage

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Gardens to join the crowds of people who were out enjoying a warm summer evening. Their mood was buoyant.

They entered the Gardens through the main gates after window shopping on Spring Garden Rd. They were ready to admire the scene at the Gardens but undoubtedly the girls got more attention than the flowers.

After hours of wandering around, the girls were ready to take a load off their feet. They walked down the green tunnel formed by the elm trees along the Grand Aleé and decided to sit on a bench beside a towering elm tree facing Griffin's pond. A couple of sailors were swaggering toward them talking and laughing, and one of them broke into song. Madeline didn't realize she was staring until the singer smiled at her and said 'Hello'.



Benches and Bandstand.

Madeline and Roy were immediately drawn to each other. After introducing themselves and spending a short time bantering with each other and their friends, Roy suggested they take a walk in the Gardens. They sat by the bandstand, and told each other about themselves. An hour passed very quickly and Roy's curfew was fast approaching so he offered to walk Madeline home. Arriving at Madeline's house, Roy asked if they could meet the next day, same time, and same place.

They met again the next evening by the large elm tree, and time flew by as they became immersed in the story of each other's lives. They shared their hopes and fears and future plans as their feelings for each other blossomed.

Unexpectedly, it would be many weeks before they would see each other again. On Roy's return

after another mission, he called Madeline fervently hoping that she wouldn't be upset by his unannounced departure. Madeline was delighted to take up where they had left off.



Upper Bridge.

They got to know each other like many couples during the war... through almost daily letters which arrived in batches and were savored during the times when there was no word. They met up whenever Roy was on leave at their special meeting place, the Halifax Public Gardens.

In mid October of 1941 on a moonlit night, Roy and Madeline were once again faced with having to say goodbye to each other. By now there was no doubt about their feelings for each other. They sat by the Victoria Jubilee fountain as their precious time drew to a close, and Roy asked Madeline to marry him.



Halifax Public Gardens, Main Gate.

Seventy years ago, Roy and Madeline became man and wife in Madeline's home town of Chester, Nova Scotia.

Like many newlyweds during the war, they only spent two nights together before Roy had to return overseas. They were often separated.

Two days after Madeline gave birth to their first child, the bells started ringing and the sirens wailing to mark the end of the war. Roy would soon be coming home permanently. Now they could start their lives together.

Happy Anniversary Madeline and Roy. We wish you the very best and wish you could be at the Public Gardens to celebrate your platinum anniversary. Hopefully these photos will bring a bit of the Gardens to you.

Rodger LeDrew lives in Dartmouth and is a Master Gardener as well as a frequent visitor to the gardens.

**Thank you for your
sacrifice and bravery**

**We are proud of our past
and have faith in our future**

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Notes from Nunavut



Nunavut Communities - Kimmirut

By Nick Newbery

Inuit and their ancestors have occupied Qikiqtaaluk (Baffin Island) for centuries but those living in the Kimmirut area were among the first groups to have regular contact with qadlunaat (non-Inuit) in the nineteenth century.

Whaling ships made annual visits there each spring to hire Inuit to work on the whale hunt and because the harbour was one of the best deep-water shelters on the south coast of Baffin Island. Later in the century, Kimmirut became the centre of a successful mica mining operation which employed Inuit until the beginning of WWI in 1914. Kimmirut meaning 'heel' in Inuktitut (the Inuit language), comes from the name of a rocky outcrop situated just across the inlet from the community.

The permanent qadlunaat presence in the area began typically with the building of the Anglican Mission in 1901, with the opening of a Hudson's Bay Company post in 1911 and then with the establishment of an RCMP detachment in 1927. The well-known scientist Dr. Dewey Soper resided in Kimmirut for some time during the 1920s and 1930s, a period when the Inuit population of the

area was probably about 300 people.

During WWII (1939-1945) the United States Air Force built a radio station in Kimmirut (then called Lake Harbour by qadlunaat), but it was abandoned after the war in 1945. In 1953 a boat building program was set up to produce whaling boats for sale by the Hudson Bay Company to other communities in the region. This was a project which provided jobs for local people and which lasted until the 1960s.

All this time, sicknesses such as pneumonia and tuberculosis were a problem for many Inuit in the region, so when the government began to provide services and housing in Kimmirut, most moved in off the land. Others also moved into town because disease had wiped out many of the dogs and travel was therefore difficult until the coming of the snowmobile. With few jobs available in the community, some people moved on even further to Iqaluit (then called Frobisher Bay) where employment could often be had working at the huge American airbase.

Nowadays Kimmirut, nestled at the head of a long fiord about 25 minutes' flying time south-west of Iqaluit, is one of the prettiest communities

in the Qikiqtaaluk region. In the 1990s several new important buildings were constructed and tourism began to grow. This was encouraged by the quality of carvings coming from the community, by the opening of the new Katannilik Territorial Park nearby and by visits of large cruise ships in summertime. Wildlife is abundant in the area and the Inuit hunter-gatherer culture is strong so Kimmirut, with a population of about 400, continues to be able to offer that old-time, easy-going feeling of a small Nunavut settlement, where everyone knows everyone and where visiting and helping neighbours is still a strong tradition.

Notes from Nunavut is a regular column providing background on Canada's newest territory and its people. Nick Newbery is a teacher, author and photographer who spent 30 years in the North. He currently teaches about Nunavut at Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax where he has established a scholarship program for students to do part of their teaching practicum on Baffin Island. The photographs which accompany this column are often drawn from three coffee table books he produced on the Eastern Arctic, all published by The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 168, in Iqaluit. www.iqaluitlegion.ca



2nd place team Centennial Branch 160. Shown (l to r) NS/NU Command 2nd Vice President Steve Wessel, Mike Rice, Paul Dixon, Bob Massia, Marc Morin and Branch 98 President Dave Geddes.



3rd place team Ashby Branch 138. Shown (l to r) NS/NU Command 2nd Vice President Steve Wessel, Rick Hodder, Dale Roberts, Gary Fox, Gary Nowe and Branch 98 President Dave Geddes.



4th place team Lunenburg Branch 23. Shown (l to r) NS/NU Command 2nd Vice President Steve Wessel, Rick Hodder, Dale Roberts, Gary Fox, Gary Nowe and Branch 98 President Dave Geddes.



The tournament singles winner was Chris Marsh Branch 98. Shown (l to r) NS/NU Command 2nd Vice President Steve Wessel, Chris Marsh, and Branch 98 President Dave Geddes.

Kingston hosts NS/NU Command 8 Ball Pool tourney

**By Steve Wessel
8 Ball Pool Chairman.**

The 2nd annual Dominion 8 Ball Pool Championship will be held on May 24-27, 2013 hosted by Branch 4 in Fredericton, N.B.

All 10 Commands from across Canada are eligible to enter one four-person team, and, in order to qualify a team each Command is required to have a playoff tournament. Our Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command Championship was held the weekend of April 6-7, 2013 and was hosted by Alvin H. Foster MM Branch 98 in Kingston N.S.

Four teams began play on Saturday morning:

Zone 2 represented by Ashby Br. 138 in Sydney with team members; Captain - Jamie Bancks, Tim McCormick, Dougie Fewer and Donald McKinnon.

Zone 8 represented by Alvin H. Foster MM Br. 98 in Kingston with team members; Captain - Chris Marsh, Bob Moore, Brian Thomas and Bryan Bartkow.

Zone 13 represented by Lunenburg Br. 23 in Lunenburg with team members; Captain - Dale

Roberts, Gary Fox, Gary Nowe and Richard Hodder.

Zone 15 represented by Centennial Br. 160 in Dartmouth with team members; Captain - Bob Massia, Marc Morin, Mike Rice and Paul Dixon.

The quality of play, the comradeship and the sportsmanship displayed by the teams, and the hospitality of our host branch made for a very successful and extremely well played tournament. The Local Arrangement Committee, chaired by Comrade Mary Whyte, made everyone feel welcome in Kingston - from the meet and greet and the karaoke on Friday night to the wonderful lasagna dinner and dance on Saturday evening. We were all made to feel welcome and there was nothing that was overlooked when it came to arrangements.

Many thanks are extended to the LAC and to our host Branch President, Comrade Dave Geddes.

On Sunday, following the completion of round robin play, the final standings were as follows:

4th place - Zone 13, Br. 23 with 27 points

3rd place - Zone 2, Br. 138 with 31 points

2nd place - Zone 15, Br. 160 with 52 points

1st place - Zone 8, Br. 98 with 58 points.

Alvin H. Foster MM Memorial Br. 98 successfully defended their 2012 title and will represent NS/NU Command in Fredericton this coming May and I'm sure all members of their branch as well as our Command wish them luck in their quest to win the 2013 Dominion 8 Ball Pool Championship.

In the singles playoff, the four top players - one from each division, were: Bob Moore, Chris Marsh, Marc Morin and Bob Massia. Bob Moore and Chris Marsh advanced to the finals with Chris Marsh eventually winning a very tight match over Bob to secure the singles championship trophy.

The tournament was a complete success and we thank all the participants who attended, our host branch and Ladies Auxiliary, the LAC and all the volunteers who worked hard to make it a success. We would only ask one thing - that more Zones become involved in this great competition next year - plan to be there, you won't be sorry.



Team Champions: (l to r) Jerry Myles, Chris Steiger, Rod Snow, Paul LaQuant, Centennial Branch 160, Zone 15.



Team Runner Ups: (l to r) Sheldon Fudge, Kevin Boyle, Kathy Julien (Secretary/Treasurer, NS/NU Command Darts), Nick Yorston, Cory Keddy, representing New Ross Branch 79, Zone 13



(Above l to r) NS/NU Command Sports Rep Les Nash presents plaques to Doubles Champions Seymour Dixon and Bruce Young of Stellarton Branch 28, Zone 6.



NS/NU Command Sports Rep Les Nash presents plaques to Doubles Runner Up team, Lester MacAskill, Kenny Pierrard, of Baddeck Branch 53, Zone 1.

Command dart championships hosted by Branch 64

By Les Nash NS/NU Command Sports Chairperson

The annual NS/NU Command Dart Championships were held at Tatamagouche Branch 64 with 10 Zones represented.

Saturday started with 10 singles teams competing. The shooting was as excellent as was expected and competition was stiff. The day showed three players

with a high score of 140 until the end of the day the tie was broken with a shoot-off being won by Rod Snow. High finish of 147, by Jim Snell, won him that award for the day. There was a tie for the High Start award with a score of 160, after the shoot-off Grant Hawley took the award. Perfect scores of 180 were posted by two players, Bernie Gouthro

and Grant Hawley.

At the end of the round robin play the totals showed that Rod Snow became our Command Singles Champion from Centennial Branch 160, Zone 15. Sheldon Fudge of New Ross Branch 79, Zone 13 is our first runner up.

The doubles tournament started at 12:40 p.m. after the conclusion of the singles and

again we saw some great shooting. The High Score was shot by Jamie Bancks - 156. The High Start award in the doubles competition went to Jason Smith with a 160. High Finish was 116 and it went to Seymour Dixon. There were three 180s by Lester MacAskill, Jeff Gill and David Smith.

At the end of nine rounds of play we had

a tie for first place between Lester MacAskill and Kenny Pierrard, Rob Harrison and Ricky Melanson and Seymour Dixon and Bruce Young. After they played a complete round robin with these three teams, the runner ups were Lester MacAskill and Kenny Pierrard from Baddeck Branch 53, Zone 1, while Seymour Dixon and Bruce Young from

Stellerton Branch 28, Zone 6, are Command Doubles Champions.

Sunday saw the four-person teams competition begin with 10 teams ready to take the crown and represent our Command in Chester, Nova Scotia, at the Dominion Championships.

Again the competition for the individual scoring awards was

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Singles Champion: (l to r) Rod Snow - Centennial Branch 160, Zone 15, Les Nash (NS/NU Command Sports Rep).



Singles Runner Up: (l to r) Les Nash (NS/NU Command Sports Rep), Sheldon Fudge - New Ross Branch 79, Zone 13.

NS/NUCommand dart championships held

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tight but Alan Bent won the High Score award with a 177. Cory Keddy started a game with a 152 score.

Before the day finished, Grant Hawley had a finish of 114 reported to win the High Finish award.

There were a total of five perfect scores reported during the team play, shot by Sheldon Fudge (3), Jerry Myles, Rod Snow, Jason Smith and Draper Hardy.

Well done by all of you.

After all rounds were completed and the smoke cleared in the team event Zone 13, Branch 79, New Ross, finished as the runners-up with Zone 15, Branch 160, Centennial, as the NS/NU Command Darts Team Champions.

We would like to congratulate them on and their tournament victory and wish them and our singles and doubles winners the best of luck in Chester.

Although all teams came here to

win the chance to represent NS/NU Command at the Dominion Championships, I must admit, even though the competition was tough, each and every one of our Zone winners carried themselves very well and showed great sportsmanship throughout the weekend.

A wonderful job by everyone

Now, to host a tournament of this size is not an easy task as any of you that have done so know. But Tatamagouche Branch is a great Branch and the volunteers and employees helped make the weekend as good as it was.

It was the effort of these few volunteers on this weekend that made the tournament the success that it was.

I would like to say thank-you to each of them here.

The set up for the tournament was very good with lots of room for player and fans.

Thank you to everyone who helped. It was wonderful.



Century of Service Medallion recipients at Branch 150 include: (back l to r) Harold Martell, Maurice Drysdale, Alcide Landry, Francis Martell, Frederick Martel; (front l to r) Elias Gaudet, Helen Kehoe, Charles Landry, Lorenzo Boudreau, Leonard Marchand.

Century of Service Medallions presented at Branch 150

Carole Thompson and Rick Powell, of the Nova Scotia Division of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards of Canada, presented "Century of Service" Medallions to 12 veterans of Isle Madame Branch 150 at an Awards Ceremony held at Branch 150 on March 9.

The recipients were: Lorenzo Boudreau, Maurice Drysdale, Douglas Forgeron (abs), Elias Gaudet, Helen Kehoe, Alcide Landry, Charles Landry, Andrew Madden, Leonard Marchand, Frederick Martel, Francis Martell, and Harold Martell.

The ceremony, which was coordinated and emceed by Branch 150 executive member WO(ret'd) Clive Samson, was attended by family and friends of the recipients, as well as fellow legionnaires. Following the presentations, the Branch

Ladies' Auxiliary hosted a lunch for all attendees.

Immediately following the Branch-based ceremony, Ms. Thompson and Mr. Powell, accompanied by Branch 150 executive members motored to St. Anne's Nursing Care Centre to present "Century of Service" Medallions to five veterans who currently reside in that facility's Veterans Wing and who were too ill to attend the ceremony at the Branch.

Recipients were: Stanley Boudreau, James Tyrrell, Robert Nichol, Lawrence Campbell, and Lawrence Landry.

The presentation ceremony was attended by family and friends of the recipients, as well as fellow residents of the nursing care facility. The presentation was followed by a lunch hosted by the St. Anne's staff.

Zone and Branch news



Truro Branch 26 Executive Members for 2013-14 include: (front l to r) Terry Farrell, Sgt. at Arms; Gerry Tucker, First Vice-President; Bill Herron, President; Wilson MacDonald, Second Vice-President; and Murray Dawson, Past President; (back l to r) Bob Brenton, Adrian Armsworthy, Harry Mantle, Gerry Hale, Murray MacCormick, Grant O'Leary, Francis Lamont and Angela Reid.



Senior category winners of the Branch 59 poster, essay and poetry contest gather for a photo with Legion members Paul O'Leary (back left), Tom Connors, special guest Mike Tate, Ron Fraser and John MacEachern. Senior winners include Peggy Boyd, Sierra LeBlanc, Jasmine Dobson, Rebecca van Bommel, Maria Farrell, Kristen Boudreau, Kelsey MacEachern, Hannah Chisholm and Shala Knocton. (Rachel Psutka photo)



Mike Tate (centre) with parents Kenny and Cathy, was the special guest at the Royal Canadian Legion poster, essay and poetry contest awards ceremony at Arras Branch 59 on February 3. Joining in the photo are legion members Paul O'Leary, Tom Connors, Ron Fraser, Jim Boyd and John MacEachern. (Rachel Psutka photo)



Primary category winners of the Branch 59 poster, essay and poetry contest gather for a photo with Legion members Paul O'Leary (back left), Ron Fraser, special guest Mike Tate and John MacEachern. Primary winners include Colin Teasdale, Jaime Burns, Ava Boyd, Katie MacNeil, Maggie MacLean and Trinity Kell. (Rachel Psutka photo)



(Above l to r) Dave Blanchard, Past President NS/NU Command, recently presented Meritorious Service Medals to Comrade Linda Desmond and Comrade Lorraine McWilliams with the assistance of Kingston Branch 98 President David Geddes.



Junior category winners of the Branch 59 poster, essay and poetry contest gather for a photo with Legion members Tom Connors (back left), Paul O'Leary, special guest Mike Tate, and John MacEachern. Junior winners include Rachel McKeough, Emily MacPherson, Maggie MacDonald, Kara MacDougall, Jeannie LeBlanc, Jocelyn LeBlanc, Gabrielle Jenkins, Olivia Benoit, Lucas McCully, Grace Wilson, Rebekah Pitts, Morgan Mattie, Lawrence Denny, Marlee Web and Cassidy Pettipas. (Rachel Psutka photo)

Zone and Branch news



Newly elected President Bill Heron and Ladies Auxiliary President Elly Suttis being sworn in by Provincial President Jean Marie Deveau at Branch 26, Truro.



On February 22, Kingston Branch 98 President Dave Geddes presented a signed petition Amanda Sproul, Constituency Assistant, at the office of Greg Kerr M.P. The petition supports increases in the funeral and burial benefits to Veterans from the Last Post Fund.



Branch 150 presented Century of Service Medallions to five veterans who reside at the St. Anne's Centre Veteran's Wing and who were too ill to attend the ceremony at the branch: (top to bottom) Stanley Boudreau, James Tyrell, Larry Landry, Lawrence Campbell, and Robert Nicholl.



The Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Zones 8 and 9 Call To Remembrance Quiz was contested at The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 98 in Kingston on February 7. The above photo shows the winning team from King's-Edinburgh in Windsor after their win.



Above, Bridgetown (Zone 9) and Berwick (Zone 8) are shown during the Zone 8 and 9 Call To Remembrance Quiz competition in Kingston on February 7.



The Call To Remembrance Quiz Executive Body had the experience of having W/O Reg Smith give a very inspirational talk on his experience during his tour of Afghanistan to the participants at the Call to Remembrance Quiz on February 7. The students were treated to a personal history of someone who was actually there and appreciated his candour of life in Afghanistan. Both the students and the Call To Remembrance Executive wish to thank W/O Smith for his time and dedication.

Zone and Branch news



Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Chaplain Arthur Nash tries on his new stole which was presented to him by President Jean Marie Deveaux.



Vicki Grant accepts a certificate of appreciation for the video she produced during Veterans Week that went viral on YouTube. The video was in honour of our veterans. The certificate was presented by Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command President Jean Marie Deveaux.



Past President and LAC Chairman Dave Blanchard presents a cheque for \$24,000, proceeds from the Dominion Convention, to President Jean Marie Deveaux. The money is to be used for Veterans and Youth.



Comrade Kelly West (left) receives her Sergeant-at-Arms Bar from Kingston Branch 98 Awards Chairperson Comrade Linda Desmond at General Meeting on February 25.



Comrade Leo Jenkins receives his Executive Member Bar from Kingston Branch 98 Awards Chairperson Comrade Linda Desmond at General Meeting on February 25.



Comrade Clark Wolf, Branch 168, Iqaluit, accepts a Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal from Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command President Jean Marie Deveaux while 1st. Vice President Ron Trowsdale looks on in the background. Comrade Wolfe has over 50 years long service to the Royal Canadian Legion and not only worked on the construction of the building of Branch 168, but is still a very active member as 1st. Vice President.

Zone and Branch news



At Arras Branch 59 in Antigonish, Nova Scotia Captain Tim Hinds (left) CO of Arras sponsored Army Cadet Squadron 285, Antigonish, presents Branch 59 President Fred Mattie with a 60th Anniversary photo of Queen Elizabeth II.



Pictured at the Calais Branch 162 March General Meeting and Award Presentation is President Earnie Harrison presenting the Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Honorary Award for Veterans Honouring Our Heroes to recipient Todd Norman.



Call to Remembrance Quiz emcee Branch 98 2nd Vice Leo Jenkins.



Nova Scotia Nunavut Command President Jean Marie Deveau presents George McPhee with the Legionnaire of the Year for St. Peters Branch 47 during the branch's installation and awards night.



St. Peters Branch 47 Ladies Auxiliary President Mary Alice Doyal presents Lillian Peeples with her Life Membership.



Branch 47 Ladies Auxiliary president Mary Alice Doyal presents \$10,000 to Branch President Jack Hopkins.



Britney Ongo with Santa during the 2012 Westside Branch 126 Christmas party.



Santa holds twins Kalynn Shahar and Brandon Michale during the Westside Branch 126 Christmas party. The twins are the children of Brad and Kareera Delski.



Sophia Leamor with Santa at the Westside Branch 126 Christmas party.




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The High-Crest Nursing Home's DVA Veterans Wing, located in Springhill is the recipient of a Pride CL30 lift chair. The Royal Canadian Legions in Zone 7 (Cumberland) donated the chair and Legion members are shown during the presentation with some of the DVA residents. (front l to r) Vera Kellegrew, Ernest Smith, Glen Wood and Ruth Harrison; (back l to r) Zone 7 Commander Robert Hoeg Branch 14 River Hebert, DVA resident Roy Armsworthy, Comrade Ray Berry Branch 17 Springhill, Zone 7 Legion rep. for the DVA Veterans Wing, Comrade Keith Odlin, President and Service Officer Branch 45 Parrsboro, Comrade Rev. Greg Doyle Chaplin Branch 45 Parrsboro and Comrade Susan Lowther President Branch 17 Springhill.



New Glasgow Branch 34 President Don Kennedy attended the 219 New Glasgow Army Cadets and presented a certificate of appreciation for their continued participation in the branch's poppy campaign. Members of 219 Army Cadets went out to local businesses on three evenings to during the poppy drive. Their participation in the campaign is greatly appreciated.



Comrade William (Willie) Marcipont, of Legion Branch 28, is shown above during a visit to the Pictou County Military Heritage Museum. Willie was born in Stellarton Nova Scotia. In 1958 he joined the Royal Canadian Regiment Airborne. Willie held the rank of Master Warrant Officer and was a parachuter and instructor. He had several postings in locations such as London, Ontario; Germany, Cyprus, Edmonton, Cornwallis, and Gagetown. During his career, he had the opportunity to do a parachute demonstration during Queen Elizabeth's visit to Shilo's military base in Manitoba. After he retired, Willie and his wife, Evelyn, returned to Pictou County. Willie is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 28 Stellarton and is Vice President/Treasurer of the Pictou County Military Heritage Museum.



On February 6, Branch 28 President Vincent Joyce and Vice President/Treasurer Willie Marcipont welcomed the 219 Army Cadets to an evening of touring the Pictou County Military Heritage Museum. The museum is dedicated to the preservation of the history of all veterans and specifically of the veterans in the Pictou County and contains over 13,000 items including a large number of WWI military memorabilia.

Zone and Branch news



Harmony Heights school Literary and Poster contests winners Morgan Sachs, Hannah Deveau, Haley Adams, Robert Chapman, Abby Archibald with Provincial Command 1st Vice President Ron Trowsdale



Above, Branch 26 President Bill Herron with Literary and Poster winners from Truro Junior High School, Henry Charles Lever, Jillien MacKinnon, Madeline Young, Isaac MacNaughton and Sarah Cullen.



Provincial winners of the Annual Royal Canadian Legion Literary and Poster Contest included: (front l to r) Dulyavich Vongsathorn, Bible Hill Junior High, 2nd Intermediate Category, Black and White Poster; Olivia Desmond, Bible Hill Central Elementary, 1st Primary Category, Coloured Poster; Harshini Arumugam, Redcliff Middle School, 2nd Intermediate Level, Literary (Composition); Anna Elizabeth Fullerton, Central Colchester Junior High School, 2nd Intermediate Category, Coloured Poster; (back l to r) Comrade Wilson MacDonald, Poppy Chairperson, RC Legion, Branch 26; Comrade Fahey, Zone Commander, RC Legion Provincial Judge. Missing from the photo is Sascha Jin Berliner, Bible Hill East Court Road, 1st Junior Literary (Composition) category. Sascha Jin Berliner's and Olivia Desmond's submissions have been forwarded to Dominion Command to be judged at that level.



Winners of the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Cribbage Play-offs held at the Truro Branch 26 on March 2 were Ralph Degobbi, Richard Dumais, Gordon Martell and Bert Davis of New Waterford Branch 142.



A Gold Membership Award was recently presented to Louisbourg Branch 62. Above, Branch President Jerry Hanley (left) accepts the award on behalf of the branch from Zone 2 Commander Mel Crowe.

Zone and Branch news



Arras Branch 59 Executive for 2013: (l to r) Past President Tom Connors, Poppy Chair and 1st Vice J.P. MacEachern, Treasurer Greg Prichard, Secretary James Matheson, 2nd Vice Jim Boyd, Sgt.-at-Arms Albert Junior MacLellan, President Fred Mattie. Missing are Executive at Large Mary MacDonald, Jim MacDonald, Tim Hinds, Gordon MacDonald and Bill Hull.



Wedgeport Branch 155 members who received the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal include: (l to r) A. Wesley Spinney, Gerald Pothier, Rose Marie Surette, Robert (Bob) Garron.



Sydney's Westside Branch 126 Ladies Auxiliary Members and Executive for 2013: (back l to r) Pat Doucet, Pam Reid, Shirley Lewis, Clara Forrest; (front l to r) Ruby Royale, Sandra Maxwell, Rita Rudderham, Zelda McPhail.



Westside Branch 126 Members and Executive for 2013: (back l to r) John Rose, John Newell, Eli Drover, Pam Reid, Wes Murphy, Father Douglas Murphy, Rev. Bob Biggar; (front l to r) Ruby Royale, Sandra Maxwell, George Desveaux, Zelda McPhail.



Westside Branch 126 Service Appreciation Award recipients: (back l to r) Eli Drover, Lewis Shaheen, John Rose, Doris Heading, George Desveaux, Wes Murphy; (standing l to r) Ruby Royale, Jack Royale; (seated l to r) Zelda McPhail, Muriel Murphy.



At Arras Branch 59 in Antigonish, Nova Scotia President Tom Connors (left) swears in two new members, Robert MacGillivray and Janet George. Assisting was Jim Boyd, Membership chair.

Zone and Branch news



Colton Smith of PRHS receives his certificate from Parrsboro Branch 45 President Keith Odlin for placing 1st in the 2012 senior poetry competition at the Provincial level with Principal Chester Clarke in attendance.



Kings Branch 6 President Basil Davidson and Comrade Don Job make a donation of \$2500 to Alexis Hanna of Soldiers Memorial Hospital Veteran's Wing in Middleton.



A Gold Membership Award was recently presented to Louisbourg Branch 62. Above, Branch President Jerry Hanley (left) accepts the award on behalf of the branch from Zone 2 Commander Mel Crowe.



At Arras Branch 59 in Antigonish, Ron Frases (left) Youth Co-ordinator for Branch 59, and Branch President Tom Connors, present a certificate of merit and a legion pin to Mike Tate, 17, who won both the 1500 metre and 3000 metre runs at the recent legion sponsored track and field meet.



Above, Comrade Clyde Goulden, a member of the Alvin H. Foster MM Kingston Branch 98, receives the Diamond Jubilee Medallion at Ortona Berwick Branch 69 on March 22. Presenters were Carol Thompson, President Nova Scotia Division of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards in Canada and Lieutenant Commander (Retired) Rick Powell.



Past Dominion President Wilf Edmond presents Sister Joan Mosher of Westside Branch 126 with a MSM.



Tori Sabeau of Clarke Rutherford Memorial School, Cornwallis, took 2nd prize in the poster contest of Remembrance 2012. Comrade Douglas Moore of Clementsport Branch 122 is shown presenting Tori with her award. The award certainly brought a little ray of light into Tori's life as she is receiving treatments for leukemia.



Kingston Branch 98 President Dave Geddes presents certificates of appreciation to Patti Bennett-Cogswell (top photo) and Susan Fayant (bottom photo) for their efforts on behalf of the Call to Remembrance Quiz held in Kingston.

Zone and Branch news



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal recipients at Truro Branch 26 included: (back l to r) Comrades Tom MacDonald, Jake Borden, President Bill Herron, Past President Murray Dawson, Prov.2nd V/ President Ron Trowsdale, Wilson MacDonald 1st Past President Gary Higgins; (front l to r) Comrades Ken Welton, Jim McNutt, Charles Borden, Florence Morrison, Sister Enid MacKenzie, Bill Merritt, Bud MacDonald, and Wyman Mingo. (Absent from photo) Comrades Leo Boudreau and Ernest Hingley.



Recent awards presented at North Sydney Branch 19 included: MSM to Comrade Joseph R. (Hec) Lewis; 50-Year Medal and Honorary President appointment to William MacKeigan; Palm Leaf to MSM presented to President Carl Wall and Comrade Martin Andrea. These awards were presented during the installation of officers in January.



Past Provincial President Clarence Dawe (right) recently presented Palm Leaf awards to Comrade Martin Andrea and Zone Commander Clifford MacIntyre. The presentations were made at Armstrong Memorial Branch 19, North Sydney.



The 2013 Executive Committee of Armstrong Memorial Branch 19, North Sydney, was installed on January 26.



St. Peters Branch 47 President Jack Hopkins presents certificates of appreciation to three students of West Richmond Academy for their help during the branch poppy blitz. Pictured above (l to r) are West Richmond Principal Chuck Boudreau, Spencer MacNamara, Sophie Symonds, Thomas Britton and President Hopkins.



The winner of the Branch 47 Remembrance Poster Contest was West Richmond Academy: (l to r) school principal Chuck Boudreau, Cindy Dorey, Sophie Symonds, Monica MacNeil, MacKenzie Joyce, Jordan Harris and Branch President Jack Hopkins.

Zone and Branch news



Past Provincial President Clarence Dawe recently presented the MSM to Comrade Joseph R. (Hec) Lewis of North Sydney Branch 19.



Branch 47 Service Officer George McPhee and President Jackie Hopkins present a fruit basket and gift on behalf of the Branch 47 and District Comfort Fund to 97-year-old Charles Kyle, a 68-year legion member.



The Gold Membership Achievement Award was presented to Louisbourg Branch 62 by Dominion Command in recognition of the exemplary performance of the branch and its dedication to the renewal and recruitment of members in its effort to increase membership. The presentation was made on February 4 to Clyde Dollimount, Chairman of the Branch Membership Committee, by Branch President Jerry Hanley (on the left) and Sergeant of Arms, Bruce Mac Donald (center).



Harbourview Veterans Hospital guest Jerome Aucoin (left) belts out a few tunes as Branch 8 1st Vice Terry Parsons lends his assistance.



WWII veteran Donny Potvin (left), from Branch 372 in Russell, Ontario, visits Branch 98 and meets with his old Comrades Clyde Goulden (center) and Mickey Wright (right). Together the ages add up to a total of 274 years.



Provincial 1st Vice Ron Trowsdale presented Diamond Jubilee Medals Sister Annie Lamont (left) and Sister Florence Hamilton of Branch 26.



Wedgeport Branch 155 of the Royal Canadian Legion held its first draw of "Lest We Forget" Lotto 300 on April 1. The new lotto is a twice monthly draw for 12 months. A maximum of 300 \$50 tickets were issued and all were sold for a total of \$15,000. A total of \$6,000 will be awarded in 24 first prizes of \$150 and 24 second prizes of \$100. First prize winner on April 1 was Margaret Madden of Sainte-Anne-du-Ruisseau, Yarmouth County. The second prize winner was Lawrence Pelletier of Yarmouth. The lotto is part of a concerted effort to raise funds in support of the Wedgeport Legion which includes many members from surrounding area communities of Yarmouth County. The first draw was held at the weekly bingo by the Legion's events committee represented in the picture by Clinton Saulnier, president, Rose Marie Surette (centre) and Rita Doucette, all long time members of the Wedgeport Legion.



Zone and Branch news



The Installation of Officers for Isle Madame Branch 150 took place on Saturday, January 5, 2013 with District Commander Ted Martens and Sydney-area George Devellano officiating. The ceremony was preceded by a roast beef dinner prepared by the Branch 150 Ladies Auxiliary and was followed by a dance. Above, District Commander Ted Martens swears in the Branch 150 Sergeants-at-Arms, Benny Mury (Br.) and Lilly-Jane Boudreau (L.A.)



District Commander Ted Martens swears in the Branch 150 Secretaries, Jarrod David (Br.) and Vivian Short standing in for Donna Babin (L.A.)



District Commander Ted Martens swears in the Branch 150 Treasurers, Joan Clannon (Br.) and Edwina LeBlanc standing in for Frances Hewings (L.A.)



District Commander Ted Martens swears in the Branch 150 Vice-Presidents, Edward Rideout (1st V-P) Jerry Doiron (2nd V-P) and Vivian Short (1st V-P) and Jeanette Jeffrey (L.A.).



District Commander Ted Martens swears in the Branch 150 Chaplain Jerry Samson.



District Commander Ted Martens swears in the Branch 150 Executive Members-at-Large Clive Samson and Doug MacDonald and L.A. Executive Members-at-Large Aurine Richard and Gail Samson.



During a recent ceremony at Branch 98, Comrade Linda Desmond received the Palm Leaf Award from Zone 8 Commander Merv Steadman and 1st Vice President Trevor Campbell.



Shown during the Westside Legion's 2012 Children's Christmas Party are: (back l to r) Pam Reid, Sheila Thompson, Clara Forrest, Sandra Maxwell; (front l to r) Autumn Pentecost, Santa, Summer Pentecost.



Shown welcoming guests to the Kingston Branch 98 New Year's Levee are: (l to r) 1st Vice Trevor Campbell, President Brian MacDonald, 2nd Vice Leo Jenkins, Membership Cathy Chapman.

Zone and Branch news



Two Rivers Tunnel with handler, Westside Branch 126 Legion's Sgt.-at-Arms, John "Two Rivers' Rose.



Intermediate category winners of the Royal Canadian Legion poster, essay and poetry contest gather for a photo with Legion members Paul O'Leary (back left), Tom Connors, special guest Mike Tate, Jim Boyd and John MacEachern. Intermediate winners include Autumn Bennett, Dante Thompson, Morgan Benoit, Celia MacDougall, Jacob O'Brien, Kylie MacDonald, Morgan Gauthier, Dylan Samson, Abbie MacIntosh, Jodie MacDougall, Cassidy Hulbert, Luke De Grouchy, Emilie Beaudoin and Marley Sampson. (Rachel Psutka photo)



Sydney Branch 12 hosted a 100th birthday party for veteran Jack Yazar: (front l to r) Cape Breton District A Commander Ted Martens, Jack Yazar, Branch President Alfie Giorno; (back l to r) Past President Mike Fleming and Cape Breton Regional Municipality Mayor Cecil Clarke.



Awards Chairperson Comrade Anne West and Kingston Branch 98 President Brian MacDonald present Comrade Doris Arenburg with the Meritorious Service Award .

Zone and Branch news



The New Glasgow 216 Army Cadets received promotions on November 21. In attendance were: (l to r) Lt Col. Retired Bob Grant (219 Army Cadet League Representative), Captain retired Donald Hussler MOM.CD, Pipe Major Jennifer Wilcox was promoted to Master Warrant Officer, MWO Ashley Williams appointed to CSM, WO Savanna MacDonald promoted to MWO DSM, MWO Joel Goodwin promoted to Chief WO RSM, Captain Randy Royal Commanding Officer of the 219 RCACC, Comrade Glen Alexander Legion liaison Officer for the 219 Army Cadets.



Freeport Branch 92 hosted the Barney Outhouse Memoiral Pool tournament on April 6. There were 17 participants and the winners were: (l to r) Third – Cliff Titus, Second – Vince Outhouse and First – Les Outhouse.

Freeport Branch 92 took part in the 2012 Freeport Days celebration. The legion's parade entry honored the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and won first prize. Sandra Kirk, of Freeport, represented our queen in a royal fashion, imitating the Queen's wave to perfection. (Above) The queen managed to maintain her dignity as she entered a rope coiling contest to the joy of many spectators.





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