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Subject: Addition to the Committee Reports and
Resolutions Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
54th Biennial Convention

Message: Comrades, please find attached addition to
the Committee Reports and Resolutions Nova
Scotia/Nunavut Command 54th Biennial
Convention

DISTRICT F PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

Zones 14 and 15

ZONE 14 REPORT – PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

Greeting Comrades:

When I took over as Zone 14 Commander on 1 June 2017 I was totally new to this type of office in the Royal Canadian Legion. Believe me I had my eyes opened to the running of the RCL and a Zone and District can be a lot of work but rewarding at the same time. I had great people around me to help out when needed, from branch Presidents to former Executive Members and the many comrades that have the RCL at heart volunteering and promoting their branches. Too many names to list but I like to thank District Commander Richard Malin, Past Zone Commander Wendell Crowell and Secretary Treasurer Marie McKeen. With their help, advice and mentorship helped me in many ways to fulfill my duties over the 2 years. I have strived to get membership addressed as my No1 priority. As having a financial background and managing several successful bar operations, I have been able to advise some branches and help them out. Worked on completing the Halifax Central Poppy Trust Fund restructure and dividing into 2 separate branches Br 27 Vimy and Br 129 White Ensign. They ran their own campaigns for the first time this time have co-operated with each other to bring in over \$100,000.00. Conducted many branch elections over the last 2 years, helped several branches with problems concerning employees resolving same to the satisfaction of both parties. Drove many kilometers in my duties to the branches and held Zone meetings every 3 months. With the help of the Secretary we have implemented a 2 year schedule for the Zone meetings that has worked very well. I believe that this should be looked at for the District. Hope I have been an asset to the RCL over the last 2 years and hoping success in the years to come for our organization.

Respectfully submitted
Steve Condy
Zone 14 Commander

ZONE 15 REPORT – PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

Greetings Comrades:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during my tenure as the zone 15 Commander over the past two years. This has been a very educational and rewarding two years so again thank you.

Zone Positions - The Zone held two elections, March and April, in order to fill all the positions and as of April 2017 the Executive consisted of Comrades David Camp, Zone Commander, Joanne Geddes Deputy Zone Commander, Glen Leduc, Secretary/Treasurer, John Gibson, Sgt-at-Arms and Kathy Julien, Sports Officer. Regretfully The Zone Commander had to resign due to medical reasons and Comrades Joanne Geddes and Dave Tarr were installed in August to the positions of Zone and Deputy Zone Commander respectively. Regretfully again in December 2018, Comrade Dave Tarr, had to resign due to medical reasons. Comrade Glen Leduc, the Zone Secretary/Treasurer, has graciously accepted to fill in as Acting Zone Commander until our

elections on 24 February 2019. Due to a critical shortfall within my own Branch, I am unable to re-offer for the position of Zone Commander and we anticipate problems with finding people to fill the positions of Commander and Deputy Commander as the succession plan is no longer valid and Branches are having difficulties filling positions within their own Branches. We see this as a challenge for the new Executive Council and our Zone elections on 24 February 2019. All elections within the Zone have been held with the exception of Caen Branch 164 which will hold theirs in April of this year and there are two new President's, the remainder are unchanged. Congratulations to Comrade President's Rick Reynolds from Somme Branch 31 and Andy Day from Eastern Marine Branch 161.

Over the past two years, either myself or one of the Zone Board Members, have been successful in attending all 11 of the Branches within the Zone. Attendance included attendance at both General and Executive Meetings, Honours and Awards and Commemorative events, milestone anniversaries and at the request of Branches to assist/provide guidance with Branch Operations.

Overall I believe we have a very good and functional Zone with the majority meeting deadlines for reports and returns to Command. We have had one Branch within our Zone that has been continuously delinquent in their Financial Reporting throughout the year and has resulted in a letter being sent from President Crowe. I would like to thank both the Command Treasurer and President Crowe for their assistance in this matter.

Our Zone continues to be supportive of Cadets and the Navy League and presented 11 NS/NU Command Bursaries and 3 Prince of Wales Scholarships this year as well as many Branches. The Zone and large Branches within the Zone attended the Poppy Seminar; it was well received and once again the Branches have had successful Poppy Campaigns. Many Branches applied for and received Grants to work on their aging infrastructure and are also running Chase the Ace to generate revenue.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Branches and their Executives for all their hard work and dedication in meeting the RCL mandate and in their support to me as their Zone Commander. In addition I would like to thank the District F Commander, Comrade Richard and the NS/NU Command Executive Council for all of their support and guidance over the past two years and last but not the least, to the Staff of Command who have always been professional and go above and beyond to help. I could not possibly have done my job without all of you, again, thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Geddes
Zone 15 Commander

DISTRICT F COMMANDER

As usual it was a very busy 2 years in District F. The Zone 14 Commander Steve Condy and Zone 15 Commander Joanne Geddes were very much hands on covering 10 and 11 branches in their territory. I commend them for all their work.

We have not had a quorum at our March and July 2018 meetings. There are 5 Branches that have not attended any District Meetings this year and this will have to be addressed. Trying to schedule meetings for a 2 year time period is very difficult as availability of branch facilities are not known very far into the future. Zone 14 and 15 are submitting resolutions addressing this.

Most of the elections for the Branches have been held for the new terms and full slates are in place through the elections or by appointment. Vacant positions are being addressed.

Although the Monthly Financial Reports are overall very good there are still branches very late in reporting as well as not detailing items as has been requested by our Command Treasurer. This entails all involved more work to correct.

Honours and Awards presentations at Branches are very well done and many members who have been overlooked are being recognized. A little bit of recognition and appreciation to our volunteers goes a long way.

Remembrance ceremonies at the cenotaphs for both years were well attended despite the rain and or bitter cold. Poppy campaigns were quite successful with members, cadets, military and some who are not members of the Legion volunteering to help.

The Halifax Central Poppy Fund was disbanded and Br. 27 Vimy and Br. 129 White Ensign conducted their own campaign. They assisted each other and were very successful for doing it on their own for the first time.

Colour Party and Branch participation attendance at D-Day, VJ Day and Dieppe was mediocre in 2017 and terrible in 2018. If the RCAF Association had not turned out at Somme for the Colour Party last year at the D-Day Parade there would not have been one.

The Lotto Sweep for 2017 18,220 tickets printed and 17,824 were sent out, 3,490 tickets sold for a profit of only \$1,760.82 and 2018 6,200 tickets mailed out 2,448 sold for a profit of only \$1,448.01 profit.

I thank my Executive, Zone Commanders and Command for assisting me, the branch executives and their membership for their commitment to the Veterans and the Royal Canadian Legion.

In Comradeship
Richard Malin
District F Commander