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Subject: February 26, 2017 Executive Council Meeting
Minutes & Reports

Message: Comrades: please see attached

**The Royal Canadian Legion
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Executive Council
Meeting Minutes
February 26 2017**

In Attendance:

Steve Wessel	President
Melvin Crowe	1 st Vice President
Jay Tofflemire	2 nd Vice President
Karen Lynch	Chairman
Ronald Trowsdale	Immediate Past President
Ted Martens	Commander District A
Robert Hoeg	Commander District C
Mervin Steadman	Commander District D
Marion Fryday-Cook	Commander District E
Rita Connors	Commander District F
Clark Wolfe	Commander District G
Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte	Command Secretary

In Attendance For Reports:

George Dellavalle	Chairman Resolutions Committee
Glenn Hobin	Member Resolutions Committee
Ken George	Command Service Officer
Stephen Tedford	Command Service Officer

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Chairman Karen Lynch, called the NS/NU Command Executive Council Meeting to order at 8:35 am.

1. OPENING RITUAL

1st Vice President Mel Crowe conducted the Opening Ritual.

2. Procedures

Command Chairman Lynch reviewed the procedures for the days' meeting.

3. Minutes of Executive Council Meeting September 24 2016

It was noted that on page 3 with regard to the Invictus Games Torch Relay that the Nova Scotia stops are to include Aldershot and Greenwood on the same date, August 27.

M – 1

Moved by Comrade Trowsdale, seconded by Comrade Hoeg that the minutes be adopted as amended.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting September 24 2016

President Wessel requested an update on plans for the Invictus Games Torch Relay. The meeting was advised that affected Branches indicated they would host events surrounding the relay and would advise appropriate District Commanders as schedules were firmed up and communicated by Dominion Command.

District F Commander Rita Connors informed the meeting that plans are underway for the Camphill centennial celebrations and that she and/or Comrade Richard Mailin have been in attendance as Legion representatives on the Committee and for the Veterans Council meetings.

District A Commander Ted Martens advised the meeting that the intention, having received permission from Command, of Branch 12 Sydney to sell a small piece of Branch property, will not occur as the development of the adjacent property will not take place.

The meeting was advised that Lockport Branch 80 raised sufficient funds for the refurbishment of the building so did not require a bank loan.

The meeting was informed that Branch 59 is waiting to receive confirmation that partners in the redevelopment project, Canadian Association for Community Living, will receive annual federal funding before moving forward on the joint venture and will update Command as the project progresses.

5. Command Service Officers Report

Command President Wessel introduced Command Service Officers Ken George and Stephen Tedford, officially welcoming them to the Command team.

Officers George and Tedford referred the meeting to their report both expressing that they are pleased to be in position to carry out this most interesting and challenging work.

The meeting was advised that Branch training is tentatively planned for early June in 2 different locations concurrently.

It was noted that backlogged files are being actioned and there have been approximately 40 new applications since January.

On behalf of Executive Council President Wessel thanked Service Officers George and Tedford for their diligence and hard work.

6. Presentation

Command President Wessel, as D.E.C. representative, presented Command Immediate Past President and former D.E.C. representative, Comrade Ronald Trowsdale with his Dominion VSS Committee bar and on behalf of Dominion Command thanked Comrade Trowsdale for his dedicated service.

7. Command Presidents' Report and Remarks
(see attached for full report)

NS/NU Command President Steve Wessel welcomed all to the 6th Executive Council meeting of the 2015-2017 term thanking Zone Commanders for attending. He proceeded to present his report. Discussion resulted in the following:

It was agreed that District D Commander Steadman would contact representatives of the former Branch 52 to advise that Command is waiting for a list of disbursements of remaining funds. Command Membership Chairman Tofflemire advised that Command has issued communication regarding transfer of membership to each member of the former Branch;

President Wessel advised the meeting that he had been invited to attend the Ontario Command Convention.

M – 2

Moved by Comrade Martens, seconded by Comrade Trowsdale

That NS/NU Command President attend the Ontario Command convention.

9 Affirmative
1 Abstention (Wessel)
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

It was agreed that District F Commander Rita Connors be appointed as interim Legion Magazine Correspondent, that President Wessel appoint a member to the Command Appeals Committee if required prior to Convention in May and that the matter of Trustees be settled following Convention.

M – 3

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Tofflemire that the RCL TVS Section be permitted to place information regarding the section in NS/NU Command Convention kits.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

8. D.E.C. Report

Dominion Executive Council Representative, Command President Steve Wessel referred the meeting to submitted report.

M – 4

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Connors

That the D.E.C. Report be accepted.

In discussion the meeting was advised that verification of Ladies Auxiliary years of service to be accredited toward Legion years of service is to be verified, on record, by L.A. Executive and/or Branch Executives.

The meeting was advised that stickers of current year and years of service are intended to be placed on the reverse of the new plasticized membership cards.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

9. Finance Committee Report

NS/NU Command Finance Committee Chairman Mel Crowe proceeded to present the following recommendations on behalf of the Finance Committee:

M – 5

Moved by Comrade Crowe, seconded by Comrade Trowsdale

That list pricing for all poppy supplies remain as listed in 2016.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

M – 6

Moved by Comrade Crowe, seconded by Comrade Hoeg

That NS/NU Command no longer pursue the Torch in paper format and that a committee be struck to investigate the feasibility of producing an online version of The Torch and that unrecoverable outstanding accounts receivables for past advertising in the Torch, be written off as bad debt.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Finance Chairman Crowe proceeded to outline the Lotto Sweep Committees' proposed structure of the program for 2017 resulting in the following motion.

M – 7

Moved by Comrade Crowe, seconded by Comrade Wessel

That the recommendation of the Lotto Sweep Committee be accepted with the understanding that the result of the 2017 lottery be closely reviewed for feasibility by Executive Council.

**10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried**

M – 8

Moved by Comrade Crowe, seconded by Comrade Trowsdale

That the requested donation to the Air Cadet International Exchange Program be granted in the amount of \$1000.00 from the Poppy Fund and that the donation not be considered as part of the annual donation to Cadet Programs.

**10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried**

M – 9

Moved by Comrade Crowe, seconded by Comrade Tofflemire

That the Presidents' hospitality expense for convention not exceed \$750.00.

**9 Affirmative
1 Abstention (Wessel)
0 Opposed
Motion Carried**

Command Finance Chairman Crowe proceeded to review preliminary December financial statements with the meeting.

M – 10

Moved by Comrade Crowe, seconded by Comrade Trowsdale

That the preliminary December Financial Statements be accepted.

**10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried**

NS/NU Command Finance Committee Chairman Crowe reviewed with the meeting the proposed 2017 Budget.

M – 11

Moved by Comrade Crowe, seconded by Comrade Wessel

That the proposed 2017 budget be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

10. Branch Monthly Financial Reports

NS/NU Command 2nd Vice President Jay Tofflemire reviewed the Branch monthly financial reports with the meeting.

M – 12

Moved by Comrade Tofflemire, seconded by Comrade Hoeg

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

11. Correspondence

The Command Secretary reported no correspondence that had not been dealt in the day to day business of Command.

The meeting was advised of the following matters voted on electronically since the September Executive Council Meeting.

<u>Matter</u>	<u>Votes Submitted</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Result</u>
Branch 59 Proposal	10	Oct. 07 2016	carried
SO Increase salary	10	Nov. 07 2016	carried
2017 Convention Registration Fee	10	Dec. 07 2016	carried
Pilgrimage of Remembrance	10	Jan. 12 2017	carried
GIC N4M44	10	Jan. 16 2017	carried
GICZ5WN3	10	Feb. 10 2017	carried

12. District Reports

District A

NS/NU Command District A Commander Ted Martens referred the meeting to submitted report adding that District A Legion leadership training is scheduled for Sunday April 30 at Branch 47.

District B

NS/NU Command Chairman Karen Lynch referred the meeting to report submitted by Deputy District B Commander John MacEachern.

President Wessel instructed that reference to confidential matters in the report be struck prior to dissemination.

The E.D. was directed to ascertain the date for District B Elections.

District C

NS/NU Command District C Commander Robert Hoeg referred the meeting to submitted report adding that Zone elections will be moved to March and District elections to April.

President Wessel advised that a Commander for Zone 7 must be a priority.

District D

NS/NU Command District D Commander Mervin Steadman referred the meeting to submitted report adding that Zone 8 and 9 elections are scheduled for March 26, District D for April 23.

District E

NS/NU Command District E Commander Marion Fryday-Cook referred the meeting to submitted report adding that Wedgeport Branch has had its' final meeting and carried out final disbursement of funds. President Wessel commended the members of former Branch 143 for their due diligence.

District F

NS/NU Command District F Commander Rita Connors referred the meeting to submitted report adding that Zone elections will be held in March, District on April 02.

District G

NS/NU Command District G Commander Clark Wolfe apologized for not providing a written report at this time. He reported that Branch 168 will be submitting its' year end financial audit report within the month and that Branch 169 is moving closer to re-opening in a new location under a new Branch Executive. President Wessel reminded the meeting that the Management team in place in Rankin was to report regularly to Command. Commander Wolfe was requested to have the Branch Management Team provide a full update to Command as soon as possible.

M- 13

Moved by Comrade Fryday-Cook, seconded by Comrade Crowe

That the District Reports be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

13. Committee Reports

Appeals Committee

NS/NU Command Appeals Committee Chairman Ronald Trowsdale referred the meeting to submitted report.

M -14

Moved by Comrade Trowsdale, seconded by Comrade Connors

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Benevolent Fund Assistance Committee Report

NS/NU Command Benevolent Fund Assistance Committee Chairman Ted Martens referred the meeting to submitted report.

M – 15

Moved by Comrade Martens, seconded by Comrade Hoeg

That the report be accepted

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Building Committee Report

NS/NU Command Building Committee Chairman Jay Tofflemire referred the meeting to submitted report.

M –16

Moved by Comrade Tofflemire, seconded by Comrade Fryday-Cook

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Bursary/Scholarship Committee

NS/NU Command Bursary/Scholarship Committee Chairman Ted Martens referred the meeting to submitted report.

M –17

Moved by Comrade Martens, seconded by Comrade Trowsdale

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Cadet Medal of Excellence Committee

NS/NU Command Cadet Medal of Excellence Committee Chairman Robert Hoeg referred the meeting to submitted report.

M –18

Moved by Comrade Hoeg, seconded by Comrade Fryday-Cook

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Past President Ronald Trowsdale assumed the Chair.

Complaints Committee

NS/NU Command Complaints Committee Chairman Karen Lynch referred the meeting to submitted report adding that mediation in order to solve disputes among members, should be encouraged.

M – 19

Moved by Comrade Lynch, seconded by Comrade Hoeg

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Chairman Karen Lynch assumed the Chair.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

NS/NU Command By-laws Committee Chairman referred the meeting to submitted report.

Chairman Crowe, on behalf of the Committee proposed the following change to NS/NU Command By-law 814:

EXISTING BY-LAW	PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT
Article VIII – Finance 814 C A sum of money agreed to by the Convention from time to time may be paid to Zone and District Commanders to reimburse him in part for expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.	Article VIII – Finance 814 C A sum of money agreed to by the Convention from time to time may be paid to Zone and District Commanders to reimburse them in part for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

M – 20

Moved by Comrade Crowe, seconded by Comrade Tofflemire

That the change be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

M – 21

Moved by Comrade Crowe, seconded by Comrade Hoeg

That the Committee report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Honours and Awards Committee

NS/NU Command Honours and Awards Committee Chairman Mel Crowe referred the meeting to submitted report.

M – 22

Moved by Comrade Crowe, seconded by Comrade Trowsdale

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Leadership Training Camp Committee

NS/NU Command Leadership Training Camp Chairman Ronald Trowsdale referred the meeting to submitted report.

M – 23

Moved by Comrade Trowsdale, seconded by Comrade Wessel

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Legion Leadership Development Committee

NS/NU Command Legion Leadership and Development Chairman Marion Fryday-Cook referred the meeting to submitted report.

M –24

Moved by Comrade Fryday-Cook, seconded by Comrade Steadman

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Legion Magazine Correspondents Report

NS/NU Command Chairman Karen Lynch advised the meeting of no report at this time.

Liquor and Gaming Committee

NS/NU Command Liquor and Gaming Committee Chairman Mervin Steadman referred the meeting to submitted report.

M –25

Moved by Comrade Steadman, seconded by Comrade Trowsdale

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Lotto Sweep Committee

NS/NU Command Lotto Sweep Chairman Rita Connors referred the meeting to submitted report.

M – 26

Moved by Comrade Connors, seconded by Comrade Wessel

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Chairman Karen Lynch adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:00 pm.

NS/NU Command Chairman Karen Lynch called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm.

Membership Committee

NS/NU Command Membership Chairman Jay Tofflemire presented the Membership Committee report.

M – 27

Moved by Comrade Tofflemire, seconded by Comrade Crowe

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Personnel Committee

Command Secretary ceased recording and left the meeting.

Command Secretary returned to the meeting and resumed recording and was advised of the following:

M – 28

Moved by Comrade Crowe, seconded by Comrade Wessel

That the recommendation of the Personnel Committee be accepted.

9 Affirmative
1 Abstention
(Tofflemire)
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Poppy and Remembrance Committee

NS/NU Command Poppy and Remembrance Committee Chairman Marion Fryday-Cook referred the meeting to submitted report.

The meeting reviewed candidates applications for the 2017 Nijmegen March resulting in Comrade Allan MacSween of Branch 124 chosen as candidate # 1 and Comrade Sam Collicutt of Branch 24 chosen as candidate # 2.

Committee Chairman Fryday-Cook advised the meeting that the Freemasons of Nova Scotia have offered to assist Branches during the annual Poppy Campaigns. It was agreed that the Freemasons help would be much appreciated with the understanding that dress would not be representative of the Freemasons and that the volunteers work through individual Branches

M – 29

Moved by Comrade Fryday-Cook, seconded by Comrade Crowe

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Public Relations Committee

NS/NU Command Chairman Karen Lynch referred the meeting to submitted report on behalf of Public Relations Committee Chairman Don McCumber. It was noted that work continues on the re-development of the website.

Resolutions Committee

NS/NU Command Resolutions Committee Chairman George Dellavalle referred the meeting to submitted report and proceeded to present the resolutions to the meeting as follows:

2017-1

The Resolution makes reference to unintentional desecration of the national flag of Canada by Royal Canadian Legion Members and Branchs, signing their names to it in support of a worthy cause. Therefore NS/NU Command directs all Royal Canadian Legions that no Branch shall initiate, encourage or participate in any event that involves the signing of or desecration of the national flag of Canada.

The Resolutions Committee concurs.

M – 30

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Fryday-Cook

That the recommendation of the Resolutions committee be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

2017-2

This Resolution is requesting that the Royal Canadian Legion urge the Department of National Defense, the Canadian Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Canada to work with Rideau Hall in creating a bar for the SSM (Canadian Forces Special Service Medal) for those members that supported and conducted operations with NORAD (North America Aerospace Defense Command), SOSUS (Sound Surveillance Systems) and Communications Research Units. As with all medals and awards this will have to be brought up to the Chancellery of Honours, which administers the Canadian Honours System. Medals and Bars recognize general service and are often presented to those who participate with distinction.

Granting honours is a gracious, tangible and lasting way to pay tribute to people whose achievements are exceptional.

Therefore, the Resolutions Committee concurs.

M – 31

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Trowsdale

That the recommendation of the Resolutions committee be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

2017-3

This Resolution requests the use of Poppy Funds under the "Special Use" to support Nova Scotia RCMP cadet organizations such as Stetsons and Spurs Cadets, a national cadet league. This RCMP program is only available in 3 areas of Nova Scotia. This organization does not have a national feel to it and doesn't have a national training program. RCMP Stetsons and Spurs is run by various RCMP detachment volunteers across the country and each detachment uses its own training program. It was started in the north in isolated communities for Aboriginal and Inuit kids and has since moved into more communities across certain provinces. The committee supports this resolution.

Therefore, the Resolutions Committee concurs.

M – 32

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Crowe

That the recommendation of the Resolutions committee be accepted.

In discussion it was determined that the program is not national in scope and has no standardized training plan.

1 Affirmative
0 Abstention
9 Opposed
Motion Defeated

2017-4

This Resolutions refers to the Royal Canadian Legion developing an alternative or variant to the current Legion dress that can be more attractive to younger persons. The current uniform should not and is not a deterrent for younger members from joining the Royal Canadian Legion, also it is not a compulsory requirement to purchase one. We are not sure why the current uniform cannot be worn with pride. The distinctive "blue and gray" uniform is a symbol of the Royal Canadian Legion and has been for the past 90 years. As the Resolution states a survey was conducted, a few questions have to be asked : (1) How informal was the survey ? (2) How big of an area did it encompass? (3) What was the demographic audience that was surveyed ? This is the second time a resolution like this "Changing the Legion Dress" has been brought up in the past 2 years.

Therefore, the Resolution is Non – Concurred.

M – 33

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Trowsdale
That the recommendation of the Resolutions committee be accepted.

Discussion ensued resulting in the following decision:

9 Affirmative
0 Abstention
1 Opposed (Tofflemire)
Motion Carried

2017-5

This Resolutions has to do with the withdrawal of financial support for the NS/NU Command Leadership Training Camp. The first two (2) Where AS's talk about the Purposes and Objects of the Legion, not only do we support our Veterans and their families, BUT we also support our Communities. When you look at the General By-Laws pages v and vi, the Purposes and Objects, go to paragraph "w " which states to engage only in activities which will be to the credit and benefit of the Canadian community and which will encourage and promote the positive reputation of the Legion. Then read the Royal Canadian Legion's Mission Statement which says, Our mission is to serve Veterans, which includes serving Military and RCMP members and their families, to promote remembrance and to serve our communities and our country. The problem is funding, this program needs to become more self-supporting. The committee believes in this program and therefore does not support this Resolution.

Therefore, This Resolution is Non – Concurred.

M – 34

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Steadman
That the recommendation of the Resolutions committee be accepted.

In discussion it was noted that plans and publicity for the 2017 LTC were in place and allowance for the expenses had been included in the 2017 Command budget.

It was also noted that Branches were requested to advise Command of areas whereby reduction in expenses could be realized.

9 Affirmative
0 Abstention
1 Opposed (Tofflemire)
Motion Carried

2016-6

The Resolution requests the withdrawal of financial support for the NS/NU Command Track and Field Program. The first two (2) Where AS's talk about the Purposes and Objects of the Legion, not only do we support our Veterans and their families, BUT we also support our communities. When you look at the General By-Laws pages v and vi, the Purposes and Objects, go to paragraph "w " which states to engage only in activities which will be to the credit and benefit of the Canadian community and which will encourage and promote the positive reputation of the Legion. Then read the Royal Canadian Legion's Mission Statement which says, Our mission is to serve Veterans, which includes serving Military and RCMP members and their families, to promote remembrance and to serve our communities and our country. The problem is funding, this program needs to become more self-supporting. The committee believes in this program and therefore does not support the Resolution.

Therefore, This Resolution is Non – Concurred.

M – 35

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Steadman
That the recommendation of the Resolutions committee be accepted.

In discussion it was noted that 2017 plans are well underway, there is cost sharing in place with Dominion Command, the program encourages healthy living, promotes remembrance and the RCL and that the 2019 and 2020 program will be hosted by Sydney.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

2017-7

This Resolution deals with Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command asking Dominion Command to petition Veterans Affairs Canada to replace the Command Service Officers with fully trained government employees nationwide. First off, there must be a regulation in Royal Canadian Legion that would not allow for opening our organization to the influence of government of the day. There would also be a lack of accountability as the employees would be under the direct supervision of the government rather than the RCL. WHY would Veterans Affairs Canada spend money on salaries when Command Service Officers are doing the work for them.

Therefore, This Resolution is Non-Concurred

Resolutions Committee Chairman Dellavalle noted that the concurrence of the Committee stated in the Committee report was in error. The Resolutions Committee did not concur with the resolution.

M – 36

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Trowsdale
That the non-concurrence of the Resolutions committee be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

2017-8

This Resolution has to do with the 10% assessment placed on the Poppy Trust Fund. The Command Service Officer's work load is such that two (2) full time paid Service Officers are required. We believe our Command is the second or third busiest in the country, whereas many branches in the NS/NU Command are still going to the Command Service Officer's for help/advice. As the Veterans Affairs Offices are open now, they are still under staffed (Sydney) and the work load is such that the Service Officers help with the prep work before it reaches the VAC office. Finally, the Poppy Manual has been changed to allow branches to request special use expenditures throughout the year not just after September 30th giving branches ample time to utilize the funds.

Therefore, This Resolution is Non – Concurred

M – 37

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Crowe
That the recommendation of the Resolutions committee be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

2017-9

This Resolutions has to deal with voting delegates in Cape Breton District A. The committee doesn't understand why it matters how District A conducts it meetings. Some branches mention it is to make all branches in the Command the same, as we know District meetings in some areas of the mainland, don't work because they don't meet the required quorum. It appears that Zone meetings seem to work better in some areas of the above said location. In Cape Breton District A, they don't have Zone monthly meetings, but instead have successful and productive monthly District meeting attended by approx. 85% of the 23 branches depending on the location of the meeting. Using District A numbers does not affect the remainder of the province and the way they conduct business. The Resolution Committee refers to the NS/NU by-law 406B which states that each Branch in Cape Breton District A and Nunavut District G shall be entitled to voting delegates at a District meeting based on the following formula in Article IV - District and Zone Meetings, Article 406 Para B Subpara's a,b,c, and d

Therefore, This Resolution is Non – Concurred

M – 38

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Crowe
That the recommendation of the Resolutions committee be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command President Wessel thanked the Resolutions Committee for its' careful deliberation.

Sports Committee

NS/NU Command Sports Committee Chairman Robert Hoeg referred the meeting to submitted report.

It was agreed that Chairman Hoeg would discuss with By-laws Chairman Crowe any changes required in policy or by-laws relating to sports.

M -39

Moved by Comrade Hoeg, seconded by Comrade Wessel
That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Trustees Report

NS/NU Command Chairman Karen Lynch referred the meeting to submitted report.

M – 40

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Trowsdale
That the Trustees report be accepted.

In discussion it was agreed to ask Comrade Blanchard to remove the noted ramps, which never did belong to Command, from subsequent reports.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Veterans Service Recognition Book Committee

Veterans Service Recognition Book Chairman Steve Wessel referred the meeting to submitted report.

M – 41

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Martens

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Veterans Services and Seniors Committee

Veterans Services and Seniors Committee Chairman Rita Connors referred the meeting to submitted report adding that the government of NS recently announced that there were to be no changes in pharmacare through to 2019.

M – 42

Moved by Comrade Connors, seconded by Comrade Crowe

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Veterans Outreach Committee

NS/NU Command Veterans Outreach Chairman Steve Wessel referred the meeting to submitted report.

M - 43

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Fryday-Cook

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

2017 Command Convention Committee

NS/NU Command President Wessel advised the meeting that the LAC were progressing with plans, that Command will attend the March LAC meeting, that RCL Grand President Larry Murray has been asked to officially open the convention and to deliver the keynote address, and that RCL Vice President Bruce Julian will represent Dominion Command at our convention.

M – 44

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Trowsdale

That the report be accepted.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

14. Scheduled Business

1. Halifax Central Poppy Fund

President Wessel reported that he directed a review of the financial records of Halifax Central Poppy Committee, which is comprised of Branches 129 and 27, to be carried out by Comrade Glenn Hobin. From that report, it was determined by the NS/NU Command Sub-Executive that the Fund Chairman and Treasurer, according to the records provided, have been non-compliant within established parameters in the use of poppy trust funds. The Sub-Executive expressed concern that the Fund has a debit MasterCard for which the Chairman and Treasurer have the pin, that the MasterCard seems to be utilized as a "petty cash;" that there appears to be a conflict of interest in that a business partly owned by the Treasurer, received regular payment for accounting services to the fund, and that, it would appear, although unreported to Command, HCPF has a savings account. Comrade Hobin in his report noted irregularities found in the provision of "honorariums/professional fees" paid to Committee Members, office supplies purchased and cel phones provided to the committee. Also called into question by the NS/NU Command Sub-Executive, was the manner in which decisions were made regarding donations and assistance to Veterans from the Fund.

President Wessel reported having tasked Comrade Karen Lynch to review the official record of decisions through the HCPF committee meeting minutes. Comrade Lynch reported that copies of minutes supplied by HCPF were not necessarily chronological, were inconsistent, with very little information especially as a record of decisions and that meetings were not conducted in accordance with Legion protocol.

President Wessel advised the meeting of Commands endeavors over a 5 year period to mentor and guide HCPF Committee, the lack of co-operation in receiving requested information from the Committee and recent information that has come to light as to the current Treasurers' and Chairmans' understanding of where disbursed funds are actually being applied.

President Wessel advised that the Sub-Executive reviewed the by-laws and terms of reference for HCPF and discussed the issue of terms and by-laws not being followed by the current Committee.

With great deliberation, NS/NU Command Sub-Executive agreed that the Committee absolutely cannot be permitted to continue to operate in this manner and agreed to present the following 2 options to Executive Council:

1. To freeze all HCPF accounts, divide the current HCPF balance between Branches 27 and 129 then have Branch 27 and Branch 129 conduct individual Poppy Campaigns and manage their own individual Poppy Trust Funds with the potential to have Branch 142 absorb a portion of the large territory involved. This suggestion would include the assigning of a mentor to Branch 27 and to Branch 129 for the Poppy Fund year 2017 with the involvement of NS/NU Command Poppy Committee Chairman, the District F Commander and the Zone 14 Commander.
2. The second option is that, given that the distribution and management of funds has been identified as the primary problem, Command establish an ad hoc committee to administer and manage the poppy trust fund and, that the ad hoc committee provide mentorship to members of the committee with the intent to have responsibility for the fund returned to the committee of combined members of Branch 27 and 129 .

Careful consideration and discussion resulted in the following:

M – 45

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Martens

That Command establish an ad hoc committee to administer and manage the Halifax Central Poppy Trust Fund, and, that the ad hoc committee provide mentorship to members of the committee with the intent to eventually have responsibility for the Fund returned to the committee of combined members of Branch 27 and 129 ; and that, the ad hoc Committee report to Executive Council in February 2018 with a recommendation on next steps forward.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

2. Last Steps Memorial Project

2nd Vice President Jay Tofflemire advised the meeting that a request for support of phase II of the Army Museum of Halifax Citadel Last Steps Memorial project, The Canada Gate, has been received. It was noted that the estimated total cost of phase II is approximately \$40,950.00.

M – 46

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Martens

That \$2,500.00 from the Veterans Service Recognition Book account be donated to the project.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

3. Army/Air Cadet Annual Donation

M – 47

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Hoeg

That the annual donation of \$1,000.00 to the Air Cadet League of Nova Scotia and the annual donation of \$1,000.00 to the Army Cadet League of Nova Scotia be approved.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

4. Legal Fees Former Branch 02

NS/NU Command Finance Committee Chairman Mel Crowe advised the meeting that legal fees relating to the sale of former Branch 02 had only just recently been invoiced to Command and subsequently paid.

5. Military and First Responders Program

Veterans Outreach Committee Chairman Steve Wessel apprised the meeting of a proposal recently received regarding a day treatment therapeutic program designed to assist Military and First Responders diagnosed with operation stress injuries. In review the meeting determined that the proposed program is not within the financial means of the Command and that efforts should continue in support of transition programs offered through Dr. John Whalen.

6. Military Family Mental Health/OSI Peer Retreat

Veterans Outreach Committee Chairman Steve Wessel reported the tremendous success of last years' supported program and requested that Executive Council continue to extend its' sponsorship of the program.

M – 48

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Trowsdale

That NS/NU Command sponsor the 2017 OSISS Family Peer Retreat in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

9. OSI Special Section

NS/NU Command President Steve Wessel advised the meeting that Comrade Rollie Lawless has been appointed NS/NU Commands' OSI Representative and that plans through the section are still being formulated. He advised that any undertaking within NS/NU Command would not take place without the involvement of the Veterans Outreach Chairman and the Executive Director.

10. Honourary President

NS/NU Command President Steve Wessel noted that with the great loss of Comrade Fred Monbourquette an Honourary President of NS/NU Command must be appointed.

M – 49

Moved by Comrade Wessel, seconded by Comrade Crowe

That former NS/NU Command President and former Dominion Command President Wilfred Edmond of Donkin Branch 5 be appointed to the position of NS/NU Command Honourary President.

10 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

11. Funds Zone 11

NS/NU Command District D Commander Merv Steadman advised the meeting that no determination will be made until after the Zone and District elections regarding the funds on deposit in the name of Zone 11, as reported by the Zone Treasurer Sue Dexter-White. District Commander Steadman will advise Comrade Dexter-White to keep the account active.

15. Other Business

Upon questioning, Honours and Awards Chairman Crowe advised that he will seek information on the Canada 150 pins.

16. Presidents' Closing Remarks

NS/NU Command President Wessel thanked Chairman Lynch for the efficient conduction of Command business and Executive Council for its' careful attention and consideration to the business of the meeting.

He noted that the Vimy 100 pins are not currently in stock at Dominion Command and that a directive on the wearing of the pins will be forthcoming.

He requested that the E.D. be advised of upcoming District and Zone elections and the result of those elections as soon as possible.

17. Date/Time Next Executive Council Meeting

NS/NU Command Chairman Lynch advised the meeting that the Executive Council Meeting will be held May 20 2017, 9:00 am in the conference room of Days Inn, Bridgewater, uniform dress.

18. Motion for Adjournment

M – 50

Moved by Comrade Fryday-Cook, seconded by Comrade Trowsdale

That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm with the Closing Ritual conducted by 2nd VP Jay Tofflemire.



Steve Wessel
President
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion



Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte
Secretary
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

February 25, 2017

- New cases since we started, 25 this also includes the ones that were waiting to be registered when we started.
- There was a priority list sent to us from D.C. of 49 cases over 7 months old. We have action all these files and updated VAC, mostly we are waiting for return paperwork from the clients and some phone calls. We have managed to also complete 24 and send them off to VAC HO.
- Prior to our arrival 189 cases were sent to DC. A small hand full have been returned to us for follow-up.
- We are now searching all the files that are here, checking on their status and updating as we go along. There are a large number of files that required the Service Health Records (SHR's) to be searched. VAC has made some changes to the check list we must complete and send with the Application. We must now show where the actual diagnosis of the condition is in the SHR's. With some Veteran's having as many as 12 volumes with some volumes having over 500 pages it a lot of searching and takes time.
- We are also organizing our offices to be more functional for us.
- We both have been dealing with several telephone calls every day, they seem to be increasing as time goes on.
- We are researching the stats for 2016, working with DC on this. As of Jan. 25, 2017, there were 66 first applications completed and 89 outstanding per Dominion Command and VAC. This does not take into count 2nd applications, Departmental Reviews, Appeals or clients referred to the BPA.
- We met with the new Service Officer for Vimy Branch, Comrade Ernie MacKay on January 16th. This was the day that Comrade Carol Young held training for 3 new volunteers for the Outreach Program to help with the service officers. We are also getting to know other Service Officers in the Command by working with them on the phone.
- We are starting to get more veterans coming to Command for help with forms, some of the older vets and vets suffering from PTSD can find the forms overwhelming. We let all Vets know that we are there for them and will help them when needed.

- For a while we were asking serving Members of the CAF are being ask to go directly to the IPSC/VAC for help while we are still learning the ropes of the service Officer. We are now taking them on as clients again.
- All Departmental Reviews and Appeals still go directly to DC for assistance for the time being.
- We addressed the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs on February 20th in Halifax.
- We both have actioned a number of request for assistance from the Benevolent Fund and all has gone well.
- We will be attending the Service Officer Training at Dominion Command scheduled for 7-9 March.
- The Eastern Regional Service Officer Conference is scheduled for 14-15 June in St. John, NB.
- We are looking at having Service Officer Training sometime in June. We will head in two directions and cover more of the command.

We are both finding the position of Command Service Officer both very challenging and enjoyable and we are looking forward to serving the Veterans of Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command.

Ken George, CD
Service Officer

Stephen Tedford, CD
Service Officer

PRESIDENT REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 26 FEB 2017

Good morning Comrades and welcome to our 6th Executive Council meeting of this 2015-2017 term.

I would also like to welcome all the Zone Commanders who have made the effort to attend this meeting on behalf of their Zones.

I always say that I will try to keep my remarks short – but that might not be possible today.

- I would like to bring you up to date regarding former branch #52 in Clare in District D. As you have been informed, the charter has been removed. We have been in contact with the former Executive regarding the branch property and finances. According to the lawyer who negotiated the deal which saw the Legion branch being turned over to the community, this also included all chattels (branch furniture etc.) The branch Executive transferred the balance of the Poppy Trust Fund into the general account and proceeded to write cheques in the amount of \$8590.76. All donations were within the dictates of the Poppy manual. The remaining fund balances have been frozen and are presently inaccessible by the former branch Executive. They are requesting that we release them so they can continue their work within the community under their new name, Clare Veteran Center. **That will not happen.** It contradicts GBL Art 124c. We have asked the former branch to send us a list of where they would like the remaining funds distributed within the community but to date have received no response.
- We have been contacted to participate in commemoration activities on 9 April at Citadel Hill regarding the 100th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge. We have been requested to supply a full colour party for the occasion and this will be done under the direction of Comrade Toffemire. He will be contacting branches to get volunteers and all branches will be contacted to participate by showing up with their branch banners.
- Vimy branch #27 members, myself and the Executive Director will attend a Resolution Conference on 1 March regarding the Human Rights complaint filed by Mr. Bernie Doucette against the branch. Council will be brought up to date when further details are available.
- The E.D., myself and D.C. Rita Connors attended the court hearing of Tom Waters regarding the charges that he misappropriated funds from the HCPF. The

result of this hearing was that there was enough evidence presented and that Tom Waters be remanded to trial at a later date. This could take up to a year before a trial takes place.

- Comrades, I have received an invitation to attend the Ontario convention in May. I realize that it is common practise for the President to attend conventions in our immediate vicinity; however, attending the Ontario convention is not without precedence. Comrade Les Nash was granted permission to attend during his term of office. I am requesting that Council agree to my attendance at the Ontario convention to represent NS/NUC.
- We are all still in shock regarding the sudden passing of Past President Comrade Jean Marie Deveaux, whose funeral we attended just yesterday. It is terrible timing; however, there are certain aspects of her positions within our committee structure that we must deal with here today. As a member of the Appeals committee, if an appeal arises between now and our convention in May, I would like your agreement that I will appoint a member to fill that position. Comrade Jean Marie was also our Legion magazine representative. I am requesting that someone from our Council step forward and take over those responsibilities. The matter of our Command Trustees is a more complex situation. During this term we have lost 2 of our 3 Trustees. Our current Trustee Chair, Comrade Dave Blanchard, was due to retire from the committee at the end of this term, and Comrade Nash would have assumed this Chair with Comrade Deveaux moving forward as 1st member with an a 3rd member being appointed after our convention. In order to deal with this immediate challenge I have contacted Comrade Blanchard and requested that he stay on as Trustee Chair for another term to ensure some sort of continuity within the committee and he has agreed. The 2 vacant positions will have to be filled after our upcoming convention.
- I am reminding all District Commanders that as per NS/NU Command Policy 16i, you and your Zone Commanders are required to file minutes of your District and Zone meetings to Command. We do receive some but not all. Please take time to review our Command Policy book and our Command By-laws regarding your various responsibilities.
- A Cape Breton Post article regarding properties to be sold for unpaid taxes brought my attention to a piece of property that belonged to the former branch 2 in Reserve Mines. After consultation with 1st Vice Comrade Crowe and Z.C. Delavalle, it was determined that this piece of property had been bequeathed to the branch without our knowledge, however, the property was quite small and listed at a market value of \$600. The costs to pay the back taxes owed and then

legal fees to sell the property would far exceed the property's value; therefore, a decision was made to let the property be sold at auction.

- I have noticed that many of the District reports for today's meeting do not include dates of future meetings for election of District Officers. I would request that this information be included verbally in your reports today. I would also request that you contact your Zone Commanders and remind them that they must conduct their election of Officers by the end of March.
- Finally, I have received a request from the President of the TVS Section to include their dual membership application in our convention delegate's package. As this has never been attempted before, I checked with Dominion to ensure that this would be acceptable procedure and would not violate any By-laws, they informed me that it wouldn't. If a member of NS/NU Command decided they qualified, and would also like to be a dual member of the TVS Section, they would make application and pay their \$10 yearly fee to join. The member would still remain a member of NS/NU Command and would still be required to pay their membership dues as usual and per capita fees would be directed to their home branch, NS/NUC and Dominion – no change. I would like your agreement to allow this form to be included in our delegate's package.

Comrades, unless there are any questions, I will let the Chairman proceed with her agenda.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Wessel, President.

D.E.C REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 25 FEB 2017

The DEC meeting was held at Legion House in Ottawa on 27 November 2016. The meeting was primarily scheduled to review the DC budget for 2017 but additional items / reports were also presented. I will briefly summarize the information that was presented.

Finances:

- As of the meeting date the Treasurer was projecting a surplus of \$161,975 for the 2016 year which is an increase of \$144,330 over the original budget estimate of \$17,645.
- Increased supply sales and a \$74,000 estate bequest were determining factors in the increase.
- The 2017 budget shows a surplus of only \$23,095. Mostly down due to drop in membership numbers resulting in less per capita funds.

Concurred Motions:

D.E.C. considered, and carried, the following items of business:

- To approve the conduct of the Veterans Outreach Patrol Program through the Legion OSI Special Section, and that the Section work in conjunction with the provincial Secretaries.
- That the Legion OSI Special Section coordinate delivery of the Basic Mental Health First Aid program across the country. Also coordinated through the provincial Secretaries.
- To recognize the Ladies Auxiliary years of service for any existing or previous L.A. member who becomes a Legion member.
- To implement a new plasticized membership card for the 2018 membership year.
- That the Legion actively target locations in central Canada to host the Legion T&F National competition, but not restrict applications to host from other potential areas.
- That the current selected hosts including Brandon, MB (2017-2018) and Sydney, NS (2019-2020) remain as hosts as previously planned.

- The production of a sew-on scroll for wear on Legion dress that would simply state "VETERAN". This scroll will be made available through Legion branches and the D.C. supply department for wear on the left breast pocket immediately below the Legion crest.
- That a resolution concerning the wearing of Canadian Armed Forces embroidered or metal Flying and Specialist Skill Badges be prepared and presented at the 2018 dominion convention in Winnipeg.
- That the Centennial fund be discontinued and be moved into the reserve fund and that fund be kept at a minimum of \$18 million. (Current reserve is \$16 million, current Centennial is \$2 million.) (The Centennial Fund was established at the Dominion Convention in 1964 as a centennial project to raise \$1 million to provide a perpetual memorial to the continuing activities of The R.C.L.)
- A 5 year "Hearts and Minds Campaign", a 2016-2021 marketing plan, was approved for a total commitment of \$1.25 million over the next 5 years. These funds allocated will be drawn from the existing reserve fund as a new special project. (see attached chart for distribution)
- It was agreed that at conventions, either provincial or dominion, when the Chairman makes mention to recognition of Veterans that the Chair states that, **"all those who meet The R.C.L.'s definition of a Veteran please stand and be recognized."**
- The next DEC meeting is scheduled for April 2017.

An additional report was given by ALTA/NWT President Chris Strong regarding the Fort McMurray Wildfire Relief Fund. A list of donations and expenses pertaining to that fund is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Wessel, DEC Rep.

*EXPECTED
INCREASES*

Membership Objectives and Budgets

Yearly Budget *Additional To Budget*

Year	Membership Objective	Members - plus/minus	% change from previous year	Budget
2017	279,000	0	0	\$455.5K + \$400K
2018	287,370	8,370	+3%	\$455.5K + \$300K
2019	293,117	5,747	+2%	\$455.5K + \$250K
2020	296,049	2,931	+1%	\$455.5K + \$200K
2021	297,529	2,960	+0.5%	\$455.5K + \$100K

\$1.25 Mill.

- Budget is made up of \$455,500 core marketing each year for 5 years (same budget allocated in 2016).

- Additional \$1,250,000 over 5 years is being requested to top up core budget. Increase advertising spend across all media tactics focused on winning the "Hearts and Minds" of Canadians. Specifically focus on key segments of public identified as having interest in becoming a member of the Legion.

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Over 150,000 Members in 100,000 Clubs

**Fort McMurray Wildfire Relief Fund
 as at November 23rd, 2016**

Fort McMurray Relief Fund Donations Received

Ontario (Includes Dominion \$100K)	578,628.35	
Alberta	290,647.00	
BC	129,339.13	
Manitoba	47,758.00	
Nova Scotia	44,604.50	
New Brunswick	44,000.00	
Newfoundland	38,900.00	
NWT	28,350.00	
Quebec	25,713.00	
American Legion Charities	12,723.00	
PEI	2,200.00	
Saskatchewan	200.00	
		1,243,062.98

Fort McMurray Relief Fund Disbursements

Assistance to Individuals and Families	420,581.50	
Assistance to Fort McMurray Legion	225,899.34	
Donation - Ft McMurray Fire Fighters Relief Fund	25,000.00	
Donation - Northern Lights Health Foundation	25,000.00	
Donation - Wood Buffalo Food Bank	25,000.00	
Donation - Salvation Army, Fort McMurray	25,000.00	
Donation - Centre of Hope Fort McMurray	15,000.00	
Donation - Fort McMurray Catholic School Board	40,000.00	
Donation - Fort McMurray Public School Board	40,000.00	
Donation - Some Other Solutions	62,000.00	
Donation - Wood Buffalo Housing - Rotary House	25,000.00	
Donation - Wood Buffalo Housing - Legion Manor	25,000.00	
Donation - Wood Buffalo Housing - Arapasca House	30,000.00	
Donation - Stepping Stones Youth Home	40,000.00	
Donation - RCMP Veterans Association	25,000.00	
Donation - Boys and Girls Club of Fort McMurray	25,000.00	
Donation - RCCAC 2803 Army Cadets Office	3,484.00	
Cleaning Supplies, Bottled Water, Flag, Shipping	45,768.97	
Total Disbursed to Date		<u>1,122,733.81</u>

Fund Balance

120,329.17

Nova Scotia Command Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Sunday, January 29, 2017 to set the budget for the upcoming year.

A verbal update from the Finance meeting, as well as the budget talks will be given at the Executive Council meeting scheduled for February 25, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Crowe,
Finance Chairman Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Administration Statement (2 Pages)**

December, 2016

YTD, 2016

Actual Budget Variance
Dec., 2016 Dec., 2016 Dec., 2016

Actual Budget 2016 Variance
YTD YTD YTD

OPERATING REVENUE

General Revenue

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 78.26	\$ 64.00	\$ 14.26
\$ 2,803.37	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 603.37
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 215.27	\$ -	\$ 215.27
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,597.10	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (1,402.90)
\$ 1,556.83	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (443.17)
\$ 8,250.83	\$ 7,264.00	\$ (986.83)

4016 Percentage of Dominion Sales Revenue	\$ 5,741.05	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,241.05
4100 Taxable Command Supply Sale	\$ 5,585.55	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,585.55
4200 Interest Income	\$ 12,965.79	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 2,465.79
4280 Postage & Courier Income - (non-poppy)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4285 Miscellaneous Revenue - General	\$ 379.78	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (4,620.22)
4380 NS/NU Convention Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4400 Per Capita Tax (Current Membership Fees)	\$ 241,331.73	\$ 242,000.00	\$ (668.27)
4828 Veterans Service Recognition Booklet	\$ 89,356.80	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 4,356.80

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE

\$ 385,380.70	\$ 348,000.00	\$ 47,380.70
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OPERATING EXPENDITURES

General Expenses

\$ (124.17)	\$ -	\$ (124.17)
\$ 17,897.98	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 7,891.86
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 351.28	\$ 930.00	\$ 21.28
\$ 284.48	\$ 284.00	\$ 10.48
\$ 158.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 39.00
\$ 47.88	\$ 63.00	\$ (5.14)
\$ 441.58	\$ 540.00	\$ (98.42)
\$ 885.30	\$ 550.00	\$ 35.30
\$ 800.75	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.75
\$ 1,024.39	\$ 800.00	\$ 224.39
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ (1,876.00)	\$ 1,250.00	\$ (2,925.00)
\$ 4,740.04	\$ -	\$ 4,740.04
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 841.80	\$ 1,334.00	\$ (392.40)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 450.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (550.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 38.50	\$ 85.00	\$ (18.50)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 262.45	\$ 200.00	\$ 62.45
\$ 26,603.00	\$ 18,139.00	\$ 8,364.00

Total General Expenses

Occupancy Expenses

\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00	\$ (400.00)
\$ (585.78)	\$ 60.00	\$ (645.78)
\$ (475.30)	\$ 82.50	\$ (537.80)
\$ 610.07	\$ 880.00	\$ (338.93)
\$ 520.00	\$ 580.00	\$ (80.00)
\$ (483.00)	\$ 583.00	\$ (1,046.00)
\$ (103.99)	\$ 2,828.50	\$ (3,029.49)

Total Occupancy Expenses

6020 Branch Supplies Purchases	\$ 876.56	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (123.44)
6180 Salaries - General	\$ 84,526.81	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 4,526.81
6188 Vacation Pay - General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6190 CPP Expense - General	\$ 2,830.99	\$ 2,888.00	\$ (57.01)
6180 EI Expense - General	\$ 2,029.45	\$ 2,208.00	\$ (178.55)
6170 RRSP Employer Expenses - General	\$ 1,599.00	\$ 1,014.00	\$ 585.00
6180 Workers Compensation - General	\$ 455.80	\$ 434.00	\$ 21.80
6200 Telephone/Fax - General	\$ 6,068.20	\$ 6,500.00	\$ (431.80)
6210 Office Supplies - General	\$ 5,637.45	\$ 5,800.00	\$ (162.55)
6215 Computer Expense - General	\$ 7,025.81	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,025.81
6220 Postage & Courier - General	\$ 5,938.85	\$ 7,000.00	\$ (1,061.15)
6228 Legal - General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6230 Audit - General	\$ 12,075.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ (2,925.00)
6235 Assistance to Branches	\$ 7,095.62	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (2,804.38)
6240 Donations - General	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
6245 Amortization - General	\$ 14,988.60	\$ 18,000.00	\$ (1,011.40)
6250 Leasing Contracts - General	\$ 5,040.22	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (959.78)
6255 NS/NU Command Use - General (eg. Staff b	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (550.00)
6260 Staff Training - General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6265 Sundries - Coffee, General Items	\$ 963.34	\$ 750.00	\$ 213.34
6270 Membership Renewal Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6275 Annual Dues Societies - General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6280 Interest & Bank Charges - General	\$ 2,270.01	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 70.01
Total General Expenses	\$ 180,371.71	\$ 184,273.00	\$ (3,901.29)

6310 Repairs & Maintenance - General	\$ 3,149.64	\$ 8,800.00	\$ (5,650.36)
6320 Fire Tax - General	\$ 154.34	\$ 600.00	\$ (445.66)
6330 Water - General	\$ 312.78	\$ 750.00	\$ (437.22)
6380 Electricity - General	\$ 5,759.98	\$ 8,100.00	\$ (2,340.02)
6380 Cleaning Expense - General	\$ 6,205.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 205.00
6370 Insurance - General	\$ 5,047.50	\$ 7,000.00	\$ (1,952.50)
Total Occupancy Expenses	\$ 20,828.24	\$ 31,250.00	\$ (10,421.76)

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Poppy Statement**

December, 2016

YTD, 2016

Actual Dec., 2016	Budget Dec., 2016	Variance Dec., 2016
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 202.75	\$ -	\$ 202.75
\$ 2.48	\$ -	\$ 2.48
\$ 9,868.17	\$ -	\$ 9,868.17
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 287.11	\$ 312.00	\$ (24.89)
\$ (12,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (12,000.00)
\$ 427.55	\$ -	\$ 427.55
\$ (1,213.96)	\$ 312.00	\$ (1,525.96)

\$ 181.31	\$ -	\$ 181.31
\$ 3,697.84	\$ -	\$ 3,697.84
\$ 3,879.15	\$ -	\$ 3,879.15

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 469.82	\$ 400.00	\$ 69.82
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 41.00	\$ (41.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 12.84	\$ 19.00	\$ (6.16)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 148.33	\$ 150.00	\$ (3.67)
\$ 256.10	\$ -	\$ 256.10
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 8,576.40	\$ 8,232.00	\$ 344.40
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 80.85	\$ 100.00	\$ (19.15)
\$ 7,383.37	\$ 6,026.00	\$ 2,357.37
\$ 147.20	\$ 150.00	\$ (2.80)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 18,052.91	\$ 12,118.00	\$ 5,934.91

\$ 48.20	\$ -	\$ (48.20)
\$ 48.20	\$ -	\$ (48.20)

16,988.25 \$ 12,118.00 \$ 6,777.86

(20,202.22) \$ (11,806.00) \$ (8,803.62)

Actual YTD	Budget 2016	Variance YTD
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POPPY REVENUE

4601 Poppy Promotional Free Items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4610 Taxable Poppy Sales	\$ 56,697.39	\$ 60,300.00	\$ (3,602.61)
4615 Non-Taxable Poppy Sales	\$ 429,563.69	\$ 420,000.00	\$ 9,563.69
4623 Assessed Poppy	\$ 61,245.42	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 245.42
4616 Poppy Sales Adjustment	\$ (45,440.46)	\$ -	\$ (45,440.46)
4620 Postage & Courier Income - Poppy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4630 Interest Income Poppy	\$ 2,957.26	\$ 3,750.00	\$ (792.74)
4641 Poppy Burnary Adjustment	\$ (12,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (12,000.00)
4650 Donation Income - Poppy	\$ 787.43	\$ -	\$ 787.43
Total Poppy Revenue	\$ 493,810.73	\$ 545,050.00	\$ (51,239.27)

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 56,697.39	\$ 60,300.00	\$ (3,602.61)
\$ 429,563.69	\$ 420,000.00	\$ 9,563.69
\$ 61,245.42	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 245.42
\$ (45,440.46)	\$ -	\$ (45,440.46)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 2,957.26	\$ 3,750.00	\$ (792.74)
\$ (12,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (12,000.00)
\$ 787.43	\$ -	\$ 787.43
\$ 493,810.73	\$ 545,050.00	\$ (51,239.27)

Poppy Purchases

5610 Taxable Poppy Purchases	\$ 43,555.29	\$ 47,000.00	\$ (3,444.71)
5615 Non-Taxable Poppy Purchases	\$ 315,040.92	\$ 355,000.00	\$ (39,959.08)
Total Poppy Purchases	\$ 358,596.21	\$ 402,000.00	\$ (43,403.79)

\$ 43,555.29	\$ 47,000.00	\$ (3,444.71)
\$ 315,040.92	\$ 355,000.00	\$ (39,959.08)
\$ 358,596.21	\$ 402,000.00	\$ (43,403.79)

Poppy Expenses

5625 Advertising - Poppy	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)
5627 Building Maint - Poppy	\$ 4,523.43	\$ 7,850.00	\$ (3,326.57)
5629 Service Contracts - Poppy	\$ 126.15	\$ 1,780.00	\$ (1,653.84)
5635 Computer Expenses - Poppy	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
5640 Donations - Poppy	\$ 3,070.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,070.00
5645 Entitlement Boards - Poppy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5647 Camp Hill - Poppy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5680 Interest & Bank Charges Poppy	\$ 195.30	\$ 225.00	\$ (29.70)
5655 NS/NU Command Office Use-Poppy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5660 Office Supplies - Poppy	\$ 1,959.22	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 509.22
5665 Postage & Courier - Poppy	\$ 1,966.45	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (2,033.55)
5670 Poster & Essay Winners - Poppy	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 170.00
5671-78 Wages & Benefits	\$ 52,934.93	\$ 38,478.00	\$ 14,456.93
5679 Special Functions - Poppy	\$ 1,134.64	\$ 3,200.00	\$ (2,065.36)
5680 Service Officer Travel - Poppy	\$ 3,306.39	\$ 7,600.00	\$ (4,293.61)
5685 Secretarial - Poppy	\$ 56,599.55	\$ 75,380.00	\$ (18,780.45)
5690 Telephone - Poppy	\$ 2,065.99	\$ 2,175.00	\$ (109.01)
5695 Public Relations - Poppy	\$ 103.50	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (1,096.50)
Total Poppy Expenses	\$ 129,188.88	\$ 147,048.00	\$ (17,859.12)

\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)
\$ 4,523.43	\$ 7,850.00	\$ (3,326.57)
\$ 126.15	\$ 1,780.00	\$ (1,653.84)
\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
\$ 3,070.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,070.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 195.30	\$ 225.00	\$ (29.70)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,959.22	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 509.22
\$ 1,966.45	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (2,033.55)
\$ 1,190.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 170.00
\$ 52,934.93	\$ 38,478.00	\$ 14,456.93
\$ 1,134.64	\$ 3,200.00	\$ (2,065.36)
\$ 3,306.39	\$ 7,600.00	\$ (4,293.61)
\$ 56,599.55	\$ 75,380.00	\$ (18,780.45)
\$ 2,065.99	\$ 2,175.00	\$ (109.01)
\$ 103.50	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (1,096.50)
\$ 129,188.88	\$ 147,048.00	\$ (17,859.12)

Travel & Allowances

5430 Poppy Committee	\$ 235.62	\$ 600.00	\$ (364.38)
Total Travel & Allowances	\$ 235.62	\$ 600.00	\$ (364.38)

\$ 235.62	\$ 600.00	\$ (364.38)
\$ 235.62	\$ 600.00	\$ (364.38)

TOTAL POPPY EXPENDITURES

\$ 488,017.39 \$ 549,648.00 \$ (61,630.61)

Poppy Net Income (Loss)

\$ 5,793.34 \$ (4,498.00) \$ 10,291.34

NOTE:

4616 Poppy Sales Adjustment account will have a figure of \$45,387.14 as a reduction to Poppy revenue on the November 2016 Monthly statement.

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Lotto Statement**

December, 2016

YTD, 2016

Actual Dec., 2016	Budget Dec., 2016	Variance Dec., 2016
\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00

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\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

\$ 120.00 \$ - \$ 120.00

LOTTO REVENUE

4710	Income - Lotto	\$ 46,957.23	\$ 57,000.00	\$ (10,042.77)
4720	Income Interest - Lotto	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL LOTTO REVENUE	\$ 46,957.23	\$ 57,000.00	\$ (10,042.77)

LOTTO EXPENSES

5710	Interest/Bank Charges - Lotto	\$ 26.01	\$ 10.00	\$ 16.01
5720	Leadership Training Donation	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ (7,000.00)
5730 + 5770	Lotto Flyers/Tickets/Envelopes/L	\$ 10,612.15	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 612.15
5740	Meeting Expenses	\$ 10.97	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (989.03)
5760	Postage & Courier	\$ 11,444.50	\$ 12,600.00	\$ (1,055.50)
5780	Prizes	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 26,300.00	\$ (2,300.00)
	TOTAL LOTTO EXPENSES	\$ 46,083.63	\$ 66,910.00	\$ (10,716.37)

LOTTO Net Income (Loss) \$ 883.60 \$ 100.00 \$ 673.60

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Benevolent Statement**

December, 2016

YTD, 2016

Actual Dec., 2016	Budget Dec., 2016	Variance Dec., 2016
\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00
\$ 1,840.00	\$ -	\$ 1,840.00
\$ 5,016.65	\$ -	\$ 5,016.65
\$ 285.41	\$ 650.00	\$ (264.59)
\$ 7,482.06	\$ 830.00	\$ 6,652.06

\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
\$ 27.33	\$ 10.00	\$ 17.33
\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
\$ 29,508.00	\$ -	\$ 29,508.00
\$ 31,535.33	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 30,525.33

\$ (24,491.35) \$ - \$ (24,491.35)

\$ 448.08 \$ (480.00) \$ 808.08

\$ (24,043.27) \$ (460.00) \$ (23,583.27)

BENEVOLENT REVENUE

4863	Veterans Outreach Program	\$ 7,166.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (4,834.00)
4810	Donations - Benevolent	\$ 27,121.73	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 7,121.73
4812	Donations - Paws Fur Thought	\$ 74,992.66	\$ -	\$ 74,992.66
4820	Interest Income - Benevolent	\$ 1,945.05	\$ 2,260.00	\$ (303.85)
	TOTAL BENEVOLENT REVENUE	\$ 111,225.44	\$ 34,260.00	\$ 76,979.44

BENEVOLENT EXPENSES

5810	Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 24,914.93	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 6,914.93
5820	Benevolent Interest/Bank Charge	\$ 176.37	\$ 150.00	\$ 26.37
5830	Veterans Outreach Program	\$ 23,573.95	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 8,573.95
5860	Paws Fur Thought - Benevolent	\$ 124,734.83	\$ -	\$ 124,734.83
	TOTAL BENEVOLENT EXPENSES	\$ 173,400.08	\$ 30,150.00	\$ 143,250.08

Paws Fur Thought Net Income (Loss) \$ (49,742.17) \$ - \$ (49,742.17)

Benevolent Net Income (Loss) \$ (12,431.47) \$ 4,100.00 \$ (16,531.47)

Total Benevolent Net Income (Loss) \$ (62,173.64) \$ 4,100.00 \$ (66,273.64)

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Program Statement**

December, 2016

YTD, 2016

Actual Budget Variance
Dec., 2016 Dec., 2016 Dec., 2016

Actual Budget 2016 Variance
YTD YTD

\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
\$ -		\$ -
		\$ -
		\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00

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\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

\$ 150.00 \$ - \$ 150.00

PROGRAM REVENUE				
4450	Leadership Training Camp Income - (\$ 24,400.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ (600.00)
4050	Miscellaneous Income -LTC	\$ 4,881.75	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (118.25)
XXXX	Transfer from Lotto - LTC			\$ -
	Donation - LTC			\$ -
4550	Sports Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Program Revenue	\$ 29,281.75	\$ 30,000.00	\$ (718.25)

LEADERSHIP EXPENSES				
5045	Leadership Training Camp	\$ 50,190.44	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 190.44
	TOTAL LEADERSHIP EXPENSES	\$ 50,190.44	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 190.44

SPORTS EXPENSES				
5505	Sports Committee Expense - General	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ (250.00)
5510	Carts Expense - General	\$ 649.54	\$ 800.00	\$ (150.46)
5515	Curling Expense - General	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ (600.00)
5520	Cribbage Expense - General	\$ 127.01	\$ 150.00	\$ (22.99)
5522	Provincial 8 Ball Pool	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)
5525	Track & Field Expense - General	\$ 8,595.35	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (1,404.65)
	TOTAL SPORTS EXPENSES	\$ 9,371.70	\$ 11,850.00	\$ (2,478.30)

Program Net Income (Loss) \$ (30,280.39) \$ (31,860.00) \$ 1,579.61

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Bursary/Scholarship Statement**

December, 2016

YTD, 2016

Actual Budget Variance
Dec., 2016 Dec., 2016 Dec., 2016

Actual Budget 2016 Variance
YTD YTD YTD

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,371.24	\$ -	\$ 1,371.24
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
\$ 13,371.24	\$ -	\$ 13,371.24

\$ (9.95)	\$ -	\$ (9.95)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ (9.95)	\$ -	\$ (9.95)

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

\$ 13,361.19 \$ - \$ 13,361.19

Bursary/Scholarship Income		
4600	Bursary Grants Est. Elele Jean Lamb	\$ - \$ - \$ -
4810	Interest Income - Lambert used for Bursary	\$ 5,500.00 \$ 6,800.00 \$ (1,300.00)
4200	Interest Income - Trust 1 Bursary	\$ 121.73 \$ - \$ 121.73
4640	NS/NU Bursary Cheques - Poppy (24@5800.00)	\$ 12,000.00 \$ 14,000.00 \$ (2,000.00)
	Total Bursary/Scholarship Income	\$ 17,621.73 \$ 20,800.00 \$ (3,178.27)

LAMBERT EXPENSES		
5905	Bank Charges - Lambert	\$ - \$ 10.00 \$ (10.00)
5910	Elele Lambert Scholarship Cheques	\$ 10,000.00 \$ 5,500.00 \$ 4,500.00
		\$ -
	TOTAL LAMBERT EXPENSES	\$ 10,000.00 \$ 5,510.00 \$ 4,490.00

BURSARY EXPENSES		
5492	Bursary Committee Expenses	\$ 625.27 \$ 650.00 \$ (24.73)
5656	ALL Bursary Cheques	\$ - \$ - \$ -
5656	NS/Nunavut Command Scholarship TF	\$ 10,000.00 \$ 10,000.00 \$ -
5657	Jack Moore Memorial Bursary	\$ 2,000.00 \$ 2,000.00 \$ -
5630	NS/NU Bursary Cheques - Poppy (24@5800.00)	\$ 11,500.00 \$ 12,000.00 \$ (500.00)
	Total Bursary Expenses	\$ 24,125.27 \$ 24,650.00 \$ (524.73)

Bursary/Scholarship Net Income (Loss) \$ (16,603.64) \$ (9,350.00) \$ (7,266.27)

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Torch Statement**

December, 2016

YTD, 2016

Actual Budget Variance
Dec., 2016 Dec., 2016 Dec., 2016

Actual Budget 2016 Variance
YTD YTD YTD

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Torch Revenue		
4300	Torch Advertising Revenue	\$ - \$ 4,400.00 \$ (4,400.00)
		\$ -
	Total Torch Income	\$ - \$ 4,400.00 \$ (4,400.00)

\$ 6,509.49	\$ -	\$ 6,509.49
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 6,509.49	\$ -	\$ 6,509.49

TORCH EXPENSES		
5180	Torch Edition - General	\$ 6,873.28 \$ 9,000.00 \$ (2,126.72)
		\$ -
	Total Torch Expenses	\$ 6,873.28 \$ 9,000.00 \$ 2,126.72

\$ (6,509.49) \$ - \$ (6,509.49)

Torch Net Income (Loss) \$ (6,873.28) \$ (4,600.00) \$ (6,528.72)

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Veterans Units & Wings**

December, 2016

YTD, 2016

December, 2016			YTD, 2016		
Actual Dec., 2016	Budget Dec., 2016	Variance Dec., 2016	Actual YTD	Budget 2016	Variance YTD
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
			Veterans/Units & Wings Revenue		
			4520		
			Veterans Units/Wings Interest	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -	\$ -
			Total Veterans Units/Wings Revenue	\$ -	\$ -
			Veterans/Units & Wings Expenses		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	5937		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	6939		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Trust Vets units & wings	\$ 19,622.20	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Trust Vets units & wings	\$ 4,300.00	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Total Expense	\$ 23,922.20	\$ 23,922.20
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Net Income (Loss)	\$ (23,922.20)	\$ (23,922.20)

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Summary Without Paws Fur Thought**

December, 2016

YTD, 2016

Actual Dec., 2016	Budget Dec., 2016			Actual YTD	Budget 2016
\$ 21,153.52	\$ 8,126.00	Revenue	Grand Total	\$ 979,265.92	\$ 1,037,500.00
\$ 50,124.91	\$ 32,767.50	Expenses	Grand Total	\$ 934,108.06	\$ 993,755.00
<u>\$ (28,970.78)</u>	<u>\$ (24,641.50)</u>	Net Income	Grand Total	<u>\$ 45,157.86</u>	<u>\$ 43,745.00</u>

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Summary Paws Fur Thought**

December, 2016

YTD, 2016

Actual Dec., 2016	Budget Dec., 2016			Actual YTD	Budget 2016
\$ 5,016.65		Revenue	Grand Total	\$ 74,992.66	\$ -
\$ 29,508.00	\$ -	Expenses	Grand Total	\$ 124,734.83	\$ -
<u>\$ (24,491.35)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	Net Income	Grand Total	<u>\$ (49,742.17)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Grand Summary**

December, 2016

YTD, 2016

Actual Dec., 2016	Budget Dec., 2016			Actual YTD	Budget 2016
\$ 26,170.17	\$ 8,126.00	Revenue	Grand Total	\$ 1,054,258.58	\$ 1,037,500.00
\$ 79,632.91	\$ 32,767.50	Expenses	Grand Total	\$ 1,058,842.69	\$ 993,755.00
<u>\$ (53,462.74)</u>	<u>\$ (24,641.50)</u>	Net Income	Grand Total	<u>\$ (4,584.11)</u>	<u>\$ 43,745.00</u>

Melvin Crane

Approved

Feb 17/17

Date

Investments Statement

Points	225,959
Current Points Earned	5,183
Redeemed Points	
Ending Points Balance	231,142
Nov 2016	

Bank Investment Listing:	GL Acct.	Purchase Date	Orig. Invest.	Int. Rate	Term	Maturity	Balance Sheet Value
Jean Lambert GIC ZSCXN	1150	Mar.20/14	\$200,000.00	2.75%	5 Years	Mar.20/19	\$204,294.52
N4M44	1110	Jan.16/12	\$61,581.08	2.35%	5 Years	Jan.16/17	\$69,104.11
T11BG	1110	Dec.10/12	\$22,114.27	2.45%	5 Years	Dec.11/17	\$22,145.44
Z5WMI1	1170	Feb.14/14	\$50,000.00	2.75%	5 Years	Feb.14/19	\$54,084.48
Z5WMI2	1171	Feb.14/14	\$50,000.00	2.75%	5 Years	Feb.14/19	\$54,084.48
Z5WMI3	1172	Feb.14/14	\$50,000.00	2.25%	3 Years	Feb.14/17	\$53,309.72
ISXTRF	1180	Feb.18/16	\$50,000.00	1.68%	668 days	Dec.18/17	\$50,729.53
16H0NK Capital Reserve Cashab	1181	Apr.04/16	\$100,000.00	1.68%	671 days	Feb.05/18	\$101,247.34
16H0MT Supplementary	1182	Apr.04/16	\$25,000.00	1.68%	671 days	Feb.05/18	\$25,311.84
16V3D1	1183	May.19/16	\$80,000.00	1.65%	72 Mths	Mar 19/18	\$80,817.32

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\$708,550.54

\$715,068.78

RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Investments Statement
As At July 31, 2015

BURSARY FUNDING (and INFORMATION)

Files from Dept of Education \$6,000.00 split anyway

Amount is budgeted because Dept of Education processes the cheques

~~10 @ \$500.00 = \$5,000.00 (General Acct) - see acct #5555~~

REMOVED

File Jean Lambert based on Interest Earned In Prior Year

NU Command 24 @ \$500.00 = \$12,000.00 (Poppy Account) see #5630

Mark Moore - 4 @ \$500.00 = \$2,000.00 2 girls & 2 boys (from Poppy
Account and re-imbursed fr. Dominion Command

Former Branch 25 Bursary Fund = 10,000.00 (Trust 1- Operating Bank Account) 10 @ 1000.00 each

REVENUE

General Income

Percentage of Dominion Sales R...	5,741.05
Miscellaneous Income - General	4,881.75
Taxable Command Supply Sale...	5,585.55
Interest Income - General	12,966.79
Miscellaneous Revenue - General	379.78
Total General Income	29,553.92

Program Revenues

Per Capita Tax	241,331.73
Leadership Training Camp Income	24,400.00
Veterans Service Recognition Bo...	89,358.80
Veterans Outreach Program	7,168.00
Total Program Revenues	362,258.53

Poppy Income

Taxable Poppy Sales	58,897.39
Non-Taxable Poppy Sales	429,563.69
Poppy Sales Adjustment	-45,440.46
Assessed Poppy	81,245.44
Interest Income - Poppy	2,957.26
Bursary Income - Poppy Jack Mo...	12,000.00
Poppy Bursary Adjustment	-12,000.00
Donation Income - Poppy	787.43
Total Poppy Income	605,910.75

Lotto Income

Income - Lotto	46,857.23
Total Lotto Income	46,857.23

Benevolent Income

Donations - Benevolent	27,121.73
Donations - Paws Fur Thought	74,892.68
Interest Income - Benevolent	1,846.05
Total Benevolent Income	104,060.44

Lambert Income

Interest Income - Lambert	5,500.00
Total Lambert Income	5,500.00

Trust Income

Trust 1 - Interest Income	121.73
Total Trust Income	121.73

TOTAL REVENUE

1,054,258.60

PENSE

Administrative Expense

Branch Supplies Purchases-Gen...	876.58
Total General Purchases for R...	876.58

General & Admin. Expenses

Salaries - General	84,526.81
CPP Expense - General	2,830.99
EI Expense - General	2,029.45
RRSP Employer Expense - Gen...	1,599.00
Workers Compensation - General	455.80
Torch Edition - General	6,873.28
Telephone/Fax -General	6,068.20
Office Supplies-General	8,637.45
Computer Expense-General	7,026.81

Postage & Courier - General	5,938.85
Audit - General	12,075.00
Assistance to Branches - General	7,095.62
Donations - General	500.00
Amortization - General	14,998.60
Leasing Contracts - General	5,040.22
NS/NU Command Use-General	450.00
Sundries-Coffee, Misc Items-Ge...	963.34
Interest & Bank Charges - General	2,270.01
Total Administration - General	188,388.43
Occupancy Expenses	
Repairs & Maintenance - General	3,149.64
Fire Tax	154.34
Water - General	312.78
Electricity - General	6,759.98
Cleaning Expense - General	8,205.00
Insurance - General	5,047.60
Total Occupancy Costs	20,629.24
Convention Costs - General	
Dominion Convention Costs-Gen...	9,037.35
Total Convention Costs - Gene...	9,037.35
Travel & Allowances - General	
Personnel Committee - General	1,629.21
Council Allowance - General	12,350.00
NS/NU Executive Council Exp-G...	6,987.83
Hospitality - General	250.11
Sub-Exec Special Call - General	162.77
Poppy Committee - General	235.62
Honours & Awards/By-Laws Co...	1,858.04
Finance/Bldg Committee-General	1,220.33
Resolutions Committee - General	437.32
Gaming Committee - General	113.58
Veterans Serv & Legion Seniors-...	190.48
Special Functions - General	912.78
Appeal Committee	538.73
Command President Exp-General	5,647.72
Public Relations-Adv - General	1,500.19
Command Secretary Exp - Gene...	509.41
Bursary Committee Exp	625.27
Trustees Inventory Committee	616.47
Leadership & Dev Comm-General	809.35
Complaint Committee - General	603.24
Treasurer Expenses - General	795.06
Total Travel & Allowance - Gen...	37,671.49
Sports Expenses - General	
Darts Expense - General	649.34
Cribbage Expense - General	127.01
Track & Field Expense - General	8,595.35
Total Sports Expenses-General	9,371.70
Program Direct Expenses-Gan...	
Leadership & Training Camp-Ge...	60,190.44
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Scholarsh...	10,000.00
Jack Moore Memorial Bursary	2,000.00
Total Program Costs - General	62,190.44
Poppy Expenses	
Taxable Poppy Purchases	43,555.29
Non-Taxable Poppy Purchases	315,040.92
Building Maint - Poppy	4,523.43
Service Contracts - Poppy	126.16

NS/NU Bursary Expense - Poppy	11,500.00
Donations - Poppy	3,070.00
Interest & Bank Charges - Poppy	185.30
Office Supplies - Poppy	1,969.22
Postage & Courier - Poppy	1,966.45
Poster & Essay Winners - Poppy	1,190.00
WCB Expense - Poppy	344.98
Salaries - Poppy	60,209.44
CPP Expense - Poppy	1,105.38
EI Expense - Poppy	1,275.17
Special Functions - Poppy	1,134.64
Service Officer Travel - Poppy	3,306.39
Secretarial - Poppy	56,599.55
Telephone - Poppy	2,065.99
Public Relations - Poppy	103.50
Total Poppy Expenses	499,281.77
Lotto Expenses	
Interest & Bank Charges - Lotto	28.01
Lotto Flyers/Tickets/Envelopes/Lic	10,612.16
Mailng Expenses - Lotto	10.97
Postage & Courier - Lotto	11,444.50
Prizes - Lotto	24,000.00
Total Lotto Expenses	46,093.63
Benevolent Expenses	
Benevolent Disbursements	24,914.93
Benevolent Interest & Bank Char...	178.37
Veterans Outreach Program	23,573.95
Paws Fur Thought - Benevolent	124,734.83
Total Benevolent Expenses	173,400.08
Total Lambert Expenses	
	10,000.00
Trust - Expenses	
Vets Units/Wings	19,822.20
Trust 1 - Miscellaneous	4,300.00
Total Trust Expenses	23,922.20
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,058,842.89
NET INCOME	-4,584.29

ASSET

Current Assets

Petty Cash		250.00
Emergency Cash-Poppy		450.00
Scotia Bank - General Account		335,872.65
Scotia Bank - Poppy Account		449,801.27
Scotia Bank - Veteran Service R...		2,000.00
Scotia Bank - Lotto Account		200.00
Scotia Bank - Benevolent Account		194,280.79
Scotia Bank - Lambert Account ...		1,743.71
Scotiabank - Closed Br. Held Fu...		100.00
Scotia Bank Trust 1 Bursary		47,397.84
Scotia Bank Programs		200.00
Scotia Bank -Torch Account		200.00
Term Deposit - General		91,249.55
GIC - Elsie Jean Lambert		204,294.62
Scotia Bank Investment Z5WM1		54,084.48
Scotia Bank Investment Z6WMF		54,084.48
Scotia Bank Investment Z6WN3		53,309.72
Scotia Bank Investment 16XTRF		50,729.53
Scotia Bank Investment 16HONK		101,247.34
Scotia Bank Investment 16HOMT		25,311.84
Scotia Bank Investment 16V3D1		60,817.32
Accounts Receivable Control		6,057.09
Accounts Receivable Adjust		39,256.85
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts		-7,660.08
Due from Poppy to General		303,581.14
Inventory - Poppy and Wreath		18,604.38
Poppy Promotional (free) Items		329.55
Inventory - Promotional Supplies		1,728.32
Inventory Adjustment		475.00
Prepaid Expenses		2,571.00
Total Current Assets		2,112,308.39

Capital Assets

Land		140,179.95
Building	507,438.32	
Accum. Amort. - Building	-188,335.10	
Net - Building		319,103.22
Office Furniture & Equipment	121,751.54	
Accum. Amort. - Furn. & Equip.	-115,888.72	
Net - Furniture & Equipment		5,862.82
Computer Equipment	18,374.09	
Accum. Amort - Computer Equi...	-17,270.10	
Net : Computer Equipment		1,103.99
Total Capital Assets		466,151.98

TOTAL ASSET

2,578,460.37

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable		72,307.77
Vacation Accrual Paid		-1,573.19
Accrued Vacation		4,014.36
Accrued Liabilities		15,375.00
RRSP Contributions Payable		-265.00
CPP Payable		98.24
EI Payable		1,585.14
Workers Comp Payable		112.14
Federal Income Tax Payable		3,701.08
HST Charged on Sales	12,943.67	
HST Paid on Purchases	-14,581.84	
HST Owning (Refund)		-1,638.17

Owing to General from Poppy	303,581.14
Due to General from Lotto	0.00
Deferred Revenue	39,189.63
Total Current Liabilities	<u>436,476.11</u>
Long Term Liabilities	
Per Capita Tax Rec'd For 2017	71,002.80
Per Capita Tax Rec'd for 2018	399.30
Per Capita Tax Rec'd for 2019	157.30
Per Capita Tax Rec'd for 2020	24.20
Per Capita Tax Rec'd for 2021	12.10
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>71,595.70</u>
TOTAL LIABILITY	<u>508,071.81</u>
EQUITY	
Fund Balances	
Retained Earnings - Previous Year	552,300.27
Capital Reserve Fund	100,000.00
Supplementary Fund	26,000.00
Investment in Capital Assets	488,367.67
Current Earnings	-4,584.29
General Fund Balance	281,192.33
Poppy Fund Balance	167,820.58
Lotto Fund Balance	1,000.00
Benevolent Fund Balance	219,766.00
Lambert Fund Balance	209,039.00
Trust 1 Bureau	80,000.00
Trust Vets Units/Wings-	90,800.00
Trust Fund Balance	-120,333.00
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,070,388.58</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>2,070,388.58</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u><u>2,578,480.37</u></u>

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OPERATING REVENUE

General Revenue

4016	Percentage of Dominion Sales Revenue	\$ 6,000	x	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,500
4100	Taxable Command Supply Sale	\$ 5,000	x	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000
4200	Interest Income	\$ 12,500	x	\$ 10,500	\$ 2,000
4285	Miscellaneous Revenue - General	\$ 250	x	\$ 5,000	\$ (4,750)
4400	Per Capita Tax (Current Membership Fees)	\$ 230,000	x	\$ 242,000	\$ (12,000)
4625	Veterans Service Recognition Booklet	\$ 90,000	x	\$ 85,000	\$ 5,000
	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 343,750		\$ 346,000	\$ (2,250)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

General Expenses

5020	Branch Supplies Purchases	\$ 1,000	x	\$ 1,000	\$ -
5130	Salaries - General	\$ 74,858	x	\$ 80,000	\$ (5,142)
6160	CPP Expense - General	\$ 2,490	x	\$ 2,866	\$ (376)
6180	EI Expense - General	\$ 1,659	x	\$ 2,209	\$ (550)
5170	RRSP Employer Expense - General	\$ 2,028	x	\$ 1,014	\$ 1,014
5180	Workers Compensation - General	\$ 386	x	\$ 434	\$ (48)
5200	Telephone/Fax - General	\$ 6,375	x	\$ 6,500	\$ (125)
6210	Office Supplies - General	\$ 5,680	x	\$ 5,800	\$ (120)
5215	Computer Expense - General	\$ 5,000	x	\$ 6,000	\$ (1,000)
5220	Postage & Courier - General	\$ 6,000	x	\$ 7,000	\$ (1,000)
5229	Legal - General	\$ -	x	\$ -	\$ -
5230	Audit - General	\$ 15,000	x	\$ 15,000	\$ -
5235	Assistance to Branches	\$ 10,000	x	\$ 10,000	\$ -
6240	Donations - General	\$ 500	x	\$ 500	\$ -
6245	Amortization - General	\$ 15,000	x	\$ 16,000	\$ (1,000)
5260	Leasing Contracts - General	\$ 4,400	x	\$ 6,000	\$ (1,600)
5255	NS/NU Command Use - General (eg. Staff t	\$ 1,000	x	\$ 1,000	\$ -
5260	Staff Training - General	\$ -	x	\$ -	\$ -
5265	Sundries - Coffee, General Items	\$ 1,000	x	\$ 750	\$ 250
5276	Annual Dues Societies - General	\$ -	Hide	\$ -	\$ -
5280	Interest & Bank Charges - General	\$ 2,200	x	\$ 2,200	\$ -
	Total General Expenses	\$ 154,678		\$ 164,273	\$ (9,697)

Occupancy Expenses

5310	Repairs & Maintenance - General	\$ 5,600	x	\$ 8,800	\$ (3,200)
5320	Fire Tax - General	\$ 300	x	\$ 600	\$ (300)
5330	Water - General	\$ 975	x	\$ 750	\$ 225
5350	Electricity - General	\$ 6,000	x	\$ 8,100	\$ (2,100)
5360	Cleaning Expense - General	\$ 6,400	x	\$ 6,960	\$ (560)
5370	Insurance - General	\$ 5,500	x	\$ 7,000	\$ (1,500)
	Total Occupancy Expenses	\$ 24,775		\$ 32,210	\$ (7,435)

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	Budget 2017		Budget 2016	Increase/ Decrease
Convention Cost				
5385 NS/NU Comm Convention Costs - General	\$ 23,000	x	\$ 750	\$ 22,250
5390 Dominion Convention Costs - General	\$ -	x	\$ 8,500	\$ (8,500)
Total Convention Cost	\$ 23,000		\$ 9,250	\$ 13,750
Travel & Allowances				
5402 Personnel Committee - General	\$ 1,500	x	\$ 1,500	\$ -
5405 Legion Magazine - General	\$ 150	x	\$ -	\$ 150
5410 Officers Allowance - General	\$ 14,000	x	\$ 9,500	\$ 4,500
5415 NS/NU Executive Council Expense - General	\$ 8,500	x	\$ 7,548	\$ 952
5420 Hospitality - General	\$ 300	x	\$ 350	\$ (50)
5425 Sub-Exec (Special Call) - General	\$ 1,000	x	\$ 1,000	\$ -
5435 Membership Committee - General	\$ 250	x	\$ 250	\$ -
5440 Honours & Awards/By-Laws Committee - General	\$ 3,000	x	\$ 3,500	\$ (500)
5445 Finance/Bldg Committee - General	\$ 1,500	x	\$ 1,500	\$ -
5455 Resolutions Committee - General	\$ 500	x	\$ 500	\$ -
5460 Gaming & Alcohol Committee - General	\$ 300	x	\$ 300	\$ -
5465 Veterans Serv & Legion Seniors - Gen	\$ 1,000	x	\$ 1,000	\$ -
5470 Special Functions - General	\$ 1,000	x	\$ 1,000	\$ -
5475 Appeal Committee	\$ 750	x	\$ -	\$ 750
5477 Mediation/Investigation	\$ 750	x	\$ 1,500	\$ (750)
5480 Command President Exp - General	\$ 8,500	x	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,500
5485 Public Relations - Adv - General (incl NS/NU mite)	\$ 2,400	x	\$ 4,800	\$ (2,400)
5487 Veterans Service Recognition Booklet	\$ 4,000	x	\$ 3,500	\$ 500
5490 Command Secretary Exp - General	\$ 1,000	x	\$ 1,000	\$ -
5493 Trustees Inventory Committee	\$ 850	x	\$ 816	\$ 34
5495 Legion Leadership & Dev Comm	\$ 8,000	x	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
5495 Complaint Committee - General	\$ 1,000	x	\$ 1,000	\$ -
5497 Administrative Other - General	\$ -	x	\$ -	\$ -
5498 Treasurer Expenses - General	\$ 900	x	\$ 900	\$ -
Total Travel & Allowances	\$ 61,150		\$ 51,484	\$ 9,666
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$ 263,601		\$ 257,197	\$ 6,304
Administration NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 80,249		\$ 88,803	\$ (8,554)

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Poppy Statement**

**Budget 2017 Budget 2016 Increase/
Decrease**

POPPY REVENUE

4610	Taxable Poppy Sales	\$ 57,000	x	\$ 60,300	\$ (3,300)
4615	Non-Taxable Poppy Sales	\$ 420,000	x	\$ 420,000	\$ -
4623	Poppy Assessment	\$ 60,000	x	\$ 61,000	\$ (1,000)
4616	Poppy Sales Adjustment	\$ -	x	\$ -	\$ -
4630	Interest Income Poppy	\$ 2,700	x	\$ 3,750	\$ (1,050)
4650	Donation Income - Poppy	\$ -	x	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Poppy Revenue	\$ 539,700		\$ 645,050	\$ (5,350)

Poppy Purchases

5610	Taxable Poppy Purchases	\$ 42,000	x	\$ 47,000	\$ (5,000)
5615	Non-Taxable Poppy Purchases	\$ 312,000	x	\$ 355,000	\$ (43,000)
	Total Poppy Purchases	\$ 354,000		\$ 402,000	\$ (48,000)

Poppy Expenses

5626	Advertising - Poppy	\$ -	x	\$ 300	\$ (300)
5627	Building Maint - Poppy	\$ 5,325	x	\$ 6,890	\$ (1,565)
5629	Service Contracts - Poppy	\$ 1,100	x	\$ 1,780	\$ (660)
5636	Computer Expenses - Poppy	\$ 500	x	\$ 500	\$ -
5640	Donations - Poppy	\$ 4,000	x	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
5650	Interest & Bank Charges Poppy	\$ 200	x	\$ 225	\$ (25)
5660	Office Supplies - Poppy	\$ 1,420	x	\$ 1,450	\$ (30)
5665	Postage & Courier - Poppy	\$ 1,500	x	\$ 4,000	\$ (2,500)
5670	Poster & Essay Winners - Poppy	\$ 1,200	x	\$ 1,020	\$ 180
5671-78	Wages & Benefits	\$ 87,755	x	\$ 87,896	\$ 50,059
5679	Special Functions - Poppy	\$ 3,500	x	\$ 3,200	\$ 300
5680	Service Officer Travel - Poppy	\$ 3,500	x	\$ 7,500	\$ (4,000)
5685	Secretarial - Poppy	\$ 54,943	x	\$ 76,171	\$ (21,228)
5690	Telephone - Poppy	\$ 2,125	x	\$ 2,175	\$ (50)
5695	Public Relations - Poppy	\$ 600	x	\$ 1,200	\$ (600)
	Total Poppy Expenses	\$ 187,668		\$ 148,087	\$ 21,681

Travel & Allowances

5430	Poppy Committee	\$ 500	x	\$ 500	\$ -
	Total Travel & Allowances	\$ 500		\$ 600	\$ -

TOTAL POPPY EXPENDITURES \$ 622,168 \$ 548,587 \$ (26,419)

Poppy Net Income (Loss) \$ 17,532 \$ (3,537) \$ 21,069

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Lotto Statement**

	Budget 2017		Budget 2018	Increase/ Decrease	
LOTTO REVENUE					
4710	Income - Lotto	\$ 46,000	x	\$ 57,000	\$ (11,000)
4720	Income Interest - Lotto	\$ -	Nil	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL LOTTO REVENUE	\$ 46,000		\$ 57,000	\$ (11,000)
LOTTO EXPENSES					
6710	Interest/Bank Charges - Lotto	\$ -		\$ 10	\$ (10)
6720	Leadership Training Donation	\$ -	Nil	\$ 7,000	\$ (7,000)
5730	Lotto Flyers/Tickets/Envelopes/Lic F	\$ 8,500	x	\$ 10,000	\$ (1,500)
6740	Meeting Expenses	\$ 500	x	\$ 1,000	\$ (500)
5750	Postage & Courier	\$ 11,500	x	\$ 12,500	\$ (1,000)
5760	Prizes	\$ 20,500	x	\$ 26,300	\$ (5,800)
	TOTAL LOTTO EXPENSES	\$ 41,000		\$ 56,810	\$ (15,810)
	LOTTO Net Income (Loss)	\$ 5,000		\$ 190	\$ 4,810

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Benevolent Statement**

	Budget 2017		Budget 2018	Increase/ Decrease	
BENEVOLENT REVENUE					
4553	Veterans Outreach Program	\$ 8,000	x	\$ 12,000	\$ (4,000)
4810	Donations - Benevolent	\$ 25,000	x	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000
4812	Donations - Paws Fur Thought	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
4820	Interest Income - Benevolent	\$ 1,500	x	\$ 2,250	\$ (750)
	TOTAL BENEVOLENT REVENUE	\$ 34,500		\$ 34,250	\$ 250
BENEVOLENT EXPENSES					
5810	Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 25,000	x	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000
5820	Benevolent Interest/Bank Charges	\$ 175	x	\$ 150	\$ 25
5830	Veterans Outreach Program	\$ 30,000	x	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
5850	Paws Fur Thought - Benevolent	\$ 31,090		\$ -	\$ 31,090
	TOTAL BENEVOLENT EXPENSES	\$ 86,265		\$ 30,150	\$ 56,115
	Benevolent Net Income (Loss)	\$ (51,765)		\$ 4,100	\$ (55,865)

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Program Statement**

**Budget 2017 Budget 2016 Increase/
Decrease**

PROGRAM REVENUE

4450	Leadership Training Camp Income	\$ 23,200	x	\$ 25,000	\$ (1,800)
4060	Miscellaneous Income - AIL	\$ 5,000	x	\$ 5,000	\$ -
4550	Sports Revenues	\$ -	Nil	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Program Revenue	\$ 28,200		\$ 30,000	\$ (1,800)

LEADERSHIP EXPENSES

5546	Leadership Training Camp	\$ 50,000	x	\$ 50,000	\$ -
	TOTAL LEADERSHIP EXPENSES	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	\$ -

SPORTS EXPENSES

5605	Sports Committee Expense - General	\$ -	x	\$ 250	\$ (250)
5510	Darts Expense - General	\$ 800	x	\$ 800	\$ -
5516	Curfing Expense - General	\$ -	x	\$ 500	\$ (500)
5520	Cribbage Expense - General	\$ 250	x	\$ 150	\$ 100
5522	Provincial 8 Ball Pool	\$ 500	x	\$ 150	\$ 350
5526	Track & Field Expense - General	\$ 17,000	x	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,000
	TOTAL SPORTS EXPENSES	\$ 18,650		\$ 11,850	\$ 6,700

Program Net Income (Loss) \$ (40,350) \$ (31,850) \$ (8,500)

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Bursary/Scholarship Statement**

	Budget 2017		Budget 2016	Increase/ Decrease
Bursary/Scholarship Income				
4500	Bursary Grants Est. Elsie Jean Lamb	\$ -	Nil	\$ -
4910	Interest Income - Lambert used for B	\$ 5,500	x	\$ 6,800
4050	Miscellaneous Income - ALL		x	\$ -
4640	NS/NU Bursary Cheques - Peppy (24@ \$500)	\$ 12,000	x	\$ 14,000
	Total Bursary/Scholarship Income	\$ 17,500		\$ 20,800
				\$ (3,300)
LAMBERT EXPENSES				
6905	Bank Charges - Lambert	\$ -		\$ 10
6910	Elsie Lambert Scholarship Cheques	\$ 5,500	x	\$ 5,500
				\$ -
	TOTAL LAMBERT EXPENSES	\$ 5,500		\$ 5,510
				\$ (10)
BURSARY EXPENSES				
6492	Bursary Committee Expenses	\$ 650	x	\$ 650
6556	NS/Nunavut Command Scholarship	\$ 10,000	x	\$ 10,000
5557	Jack Moore Memorial Bursary	\$ -	x	\$ 2,000
5630	NS/NU Bursary Cheques - Peppy (24@ \$500)	\$ 12,000	x	\$ 12,000
	Total Bursary Expenses	\$ 22,650	x	\$ 24,650
				\$ (2,000)
	Bursary/Scholarship Net Income (Loss)	\$ (10,650)		\$ (9,360)
				\$ (1,290)

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Torch Statement**

	Budget 2017		Budget 2016	Increase/ Decrease
Torch Revenue				
4300	Torch Advertising Revenue	\$ -		\$ 4,400
				\$ (4,400)
	Total Torch Income	\$ -		\$ 4,400
				\$ (4,400)
TORCH EXPENSES				
5190	Torch Edition - General	\$ -		\$ 9,000
				\$ -
	Total Torch Expenses	\$ -		\$ 9,000
				\$ 9,000
	Torch Net Income (Loss)	\$ -		\$ (4,600)
				\$ (13,400)

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Summary Without Paws Fur Thought**

	Budget 2017	Budget 2016	Increase/ Decrease
Grand Total	\$ 1,009,650	\$ 1,037,500	\$ (27,850)
Grand Total	\$ 978,545	\$ 993,754	\$ (15,209)
Grand Total	\$ 31,105	\$ 43,746	\$ (12,641)

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Summary Paws Fur Thought**

	Budget 2017	Budget 2016	Increase/ Decrease
Grand Total		\$ -	\$ -
Grand Total	\$ 31,090	\$ -	\$ 31,090
Grand Total	\$ (31,090)	\$ -	\$ (31,090)

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Grand Summary**

	Budget 2017	Budget 2016	Increase/ Decrease
Grand Total	\$ 1,009,650	\$ 1,037,500	\$ (27,850)
Grand Total	\$ 1,009,635	\$ 993,754	\$ 15,881
Grand Total	\$ 15	\$ 43,746	\$ (43,731)

**Cape Breton District "A" Report
February 25, 2017**

The District meetings have been well attended. The Branches on Cape Breton Island are doing fairly well and several of the branches that were at the brink of closing several years ago are functioning well. The financial situations of the various branches appear to be stable and in some cases, largely due to Chase the Ace have vastly improved. There are still a couple of branches that will continue to need to be monitored for the next while and hopefully their status will also improve.

Branches in the District are preparing for 2017, with their new slate of officers. Although a number of new officers have been elected, many have served previously in some capacity. However, it is also a concern that some of the new branch officers have very little or no concept of the constitution or the rules and regulations that should be followed and have their own view of how a branch should be run or the authority they might have. This lack of knowledge among newly elected officers is becoming more common and makes the work of the Zone Commander difficult to say the least. Perhaps the time has come for the Command to make it mandatory for newly elected presidents to attend a Leadership Seminar within three months of being installed.

Renewal of membership in the District still appears to be on the decline and branches should be encouraged to have an active recruiting program for the year 2017.

Zone 2

With the realignment of Cape Breton District A, the District now has 3 Zones within the District and 3 Zone Commanders. Zone 2 consists of 9 Branches stretching from Sydney to Louisbourg and Dominion to Port Morien. A combination of both Zones 2 and 4 Branch's. The Branches in Zone 2 are Branch 003 - Glace Bay, Branch 005 - Donkin, Branch 12 - Sydney, Branch 15 - New Waterford, Branch 55 - Port Morien, Branch 62 - Louisbourg, Branch 78 - Dominion, Branch 128 - Whitney Pier, Branch 138 - Ashby.

The Branches in Zones 2 are generally doing well. Most branches are financially

stable and able to meet their monetary obligations. Getting financial statements has improved greatly (99%) from a last year but sometimes you still have to get after one or two. There are, however, some branches that are struggling to make ends meet and are able to exist because of the hard work on the part of a few members who are making the commitment to the Legion, their branch and the Veterans. Most branches are doing either BINGO or Chase the Ace to raise revenue and are very successful at it. Branch 138 in Ashby now has the record for Chase the Ace having the highest payout ever approx. 2.8 Million. This has really put the membership of the Branch together in helping out and it shows in the comradery with each member every day helping out. Ashby branch is now doing a major renovation job to its down stairs bar and games room all in part due to the money they received from Chase the Ace. Other branches in the Zone are doing well with hall rental, dances and a weekly or monthly breakfast or supper. Almost all branches in the Zone are doing some kind of renovation to their facility in part to fund raising and Government Grants .

Membership continues to be a concern in most branches in Zone 2. Renewal percentages are on average 96.5% compared to last year in Zone 2. Two branches in the zone have exceeded 100% renewals while the remaining seven branches range from 75% to 96% renewals over last year's membership. There were 72 new members last year in Zone 2.

Most of the branches remain dedicated to attending monthly District meetings and take an active role in the affairs of the District. Zone 2 darts will be held at Branch 78 Dominion this year on February 11-12, 2017, and it usually has a good turnout supported by most branches in the Zone. Two branches in the Zone, Br 12 Sydney and Br 138 Ashby, a big thank you goes out to them from Command and the District as both branch's had no student attend this years Leadership Camp, but financially sponsored 2 students each.

With all the elections over and the installations done for Zone 2 now, I am pleased to say we have 5 new Presidents out of 9 Branch's. They are Comrade Ray Ryan , Br 12 Sydney, Comrade Gordie Martell, Br 15 New Waterford, Comrade Sam Mills, Br 62 Louisbourg, Comrade Paul Prince, Br 78 Dominion, Comrade Mertle MacKinnon, Br 128 Whitney Pier. Also many new executives elected that will be serving in the different Branch offices. The Zones will be looking to Command to

run a leadership seminar in the coming year to help out all these new Branch Officers.

The Poppy Campaign in Zone 2 according to the branches, seems to be on par with other years. It is also nice to see the cooperation between some of the branches, who have access to larger business districts, share with some of the smaller Branches in the Zone that do not have the businesses to draw from during the campaign. The attendance at the different November 11 ceremony across Cape Breton seem to be up over the last couple of years. The 3 Sydney Branch's 12, 128, 138 held a combined ceremony at the Joan Harris Cruise Pavilion, this year with Branch 128 having the lead. Glace Bay Branch 3 had a huge turn out at the Savoy Theatre that was standing room only. As there is only 4 branch's in the old Zone 4, the area is small you could drive to all 4 branch's in a half hour. They hold 2 separate times for their Remembrance Day Ceremonies. Glace Bay, Br 3 and Donkin, Br 5 hold theirs at 11am and Port Morien, Br 55 and Dominion, Br 78 hold theirs at 2pm all 4 locations are filled to capacity from people all over the community.

This year Zone Commander Dellavella was approached to help out with Flags Across Canada. A speaker came to a District meeting to explain what it is and it was well received. The opening ceremony was at Open Hearth Park on October 01 and the closing ceremony was November 12th. Many branches supported this with the purchase of a flag and plaque. The Cape Breton District A supported this also with the purchase of a flag and plaque in remembrance of Comrade Hannie Martens.

Zone 3

All branches held their elections in December for the upcoming year. Due to the holidays most activities were at a minimum. The Zone Commander conducted the election for Branch 43 on December 5th and their Installation of Officers on January 6th. On January 8th he assisted with the Installation of Officers at Branch 150 and the Installation of Officers at Branch 47 on January 14th. He will also be conducting the Installation of Officers at Branch 110 on January 17th.

Branch 132 continues with their renovations of the branch which will result in many positives changes in the building. Branch 47 resumed their Chase The Ace in

conjunction with the Louisdale Lions Club. Branches in Zone 3 are preparing teams for the upcoming cribbage playoffs. Branch 43 is planning to send a team to the Provincial dart tournament.

All branches are continuing with their fundraising activities on a weekly basis. Membership dues are coming in but rather slowly as yet. Membership chairpersons are encouraged to increase their efforts in this regard. Congratulations go out to one of our veteran members of Branch 47 Comrade Stanley Boudreau on his 100th birthday. Comrade Hopkins had a great visit with him at St. Ann's Hospital Veterans Wing on that occasion.

On April 30, 2017, Branch 47, St. Peter's will be hosting a Cape Breton District Seminar for all branches who wish to attend. The seminar will cover the Legion By-Laws, the rules and regulations we operate under and the roles of the various offices. We are hoping for a good turnout of newly elected officers.

I am looking forward to a productive year from all branches of Zones 1, 2 and 3 and wish all the new Executives and members all the best in the coming year

In Comradeship,

T.J. Martens
District Commander, Cape Breton District "A"



**Royal Canadian Legion
Cape Breton District - A
Zone 1**

Date: January 16, 2017
To: Nova Scotia Nunavut Command
Subject: **Zone 1 Report**

Zone 1 consists of Breton Branch 008 Sydney Mines, Armstrong Memorial Branch 019 North Sydney, Victoria Branch 053 Baddeck, Branch 083 Florence, Branch 124 Grandona, Branch 105 North Ingonish, Branch 126 Westmount and Branch 151 East Bay.

I have had the opportunity to visit all branches. I have attended all branch elections with installations to follow in the near future.

All branches in Cape Breton District A, Zone 1 are holding their own.

Sydney Mines Breton Branch 008 held its installation of officers on January 7, 2017 with President Steve Wessel and his wife Marsha in attendance. The branch, members and myself were happy to have him and his wife in attendance, along with also attending the New Years' Levee the following day.

The highlight of the installation was the Ladies Auxiliary donating \$55,000 to the parent branch. Without the help, support and the great work that our Ladies do, this branch would be hard pressed to keep the doors open.

North Sydney, Armstrong Memorial Branch 19 held its' installation and levee on January 14 and January 15, 2017 respectively. A good attendance and great time was had by all.

Baddeck, Victoria Branch 53 held its installation on January 5, 2017. The highlight was a presentation of \$1,000 to the Vimy Ridge Cadet Tour scheduled for April 2017. Also, just a note Baddeck has installed heat pumps that have saved the branch thousands of dollars in heating costs. The Branch is in good financial state and the building is great shape with no major repairs on the horizon.

Florence Branch 083 is still continuing with Chase the Ace with their most recent jackpot claimed at over \$20,000 for the winner. This branch is in sound financial shape and also continues their extremely popular Sunday morning breakfast which seems to bring a lot of the local community members in each and every week.

Grandona Branch 124 is scheduled to have their election of officers on January 27, 2017. This branch is in good hands with recently retired Canadian Forces members as Executive members. They've had several Chase the Ace and are in the midst of another. Friday night suppers are sold out within the community every week. Finances are good with new automatic doors and step being installed in recent months.

Ingonish Branch 105 Branch is in good financial shape with a new executive recently elected and installed in December 2016. The building has had some renovations such as bathrooms and a new bar area. This branch has a great group of volunteers running this branch.

Westmount Branch 126 held their election in early December and their installation January 22, 2017. This branch has a small but dedicated group of members trying to keep the building going. Members have had to take two offices in order to fulfill positions on the executive. The financial position of this branch is fairly good with their biggest support coming from VLT's.

East Bay Branch 151 is run by a small, very energetic group of younger members with lots of activities and fundraisers such as bingo, a weekly Sunday breakfast. The finances are in fairly good shape with their major support coming from Bingo. This branch held their election in December and their installation is scheduled for February 2017.

All Branches had a successful Poppy and Remembrance campaign. All schools within the branch neighborhoods participated in Remembrance Day programs. In viewing the monthly financial statements for the Branches of Zone 1, I find that a lot of these branches are holding an excessive amount of money in their Poppy Fund accounts. I think, in my opinion, that money would be better used by a sum of it being donated to a Veterans Support Fund such as the Benevolent Fund of Nova Scotia, Cape Breton Comfort Fund or to either of the two Veterans Hospitals (Harbour View Hospital in Sydney Mines and Taigh Na Mara Hospital in Glace Bay).

On November 11, I had the pleasure of attending several Branches with speaking and presentation engagements along with hospitality visits to Grandona, Florence, North Sydney, Sydney Mines and Army Navy Vet's on the Northside.

An ongoing problem still is that membership and volunteers are hard to come by but the members that we do have volunteer wherever possible.

All Branch committees are contributing to their parent Branch which helps with the finances of each branch. Many of the branches in Zone 1 have and continue to have Chase the Ace, which is a great fundraiser for the Branches involved. Another major support to each branch is their VLT machines (with the exception of Grandona as they do not have VLT's). They continue to bring people into the branches and contribute significantly to the financial well-being of each branch.

I would to thank Nova Scotia Nunavut Command for the generous donation to Harbour View Hospital of \$2,700 to be used by our Veterans for furniture purchases for their Comfort Room within the hospital.

I would like to thank Comrade Ted and Nova Scotia Nunavut Command office staff for their continued help and guidance for the past several years and I look forward to working for this great organization in the coming year.

Yours in Comradeship

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DISTRICT B

ZONES 5 AND 6

THIS DISTRICT HAS BEEN IN THE CHARGE OF THE DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER ,
ALONG WITH THE CAPABLE ZONE 6 COMMANDER , SINCE NOVEMBER OF 2016 . FOR
THAT REASON WE HAVE SEPERATE REPORTS FROM EACH ZONE.

ZONE 5. ANTIGONISH AND GUYSBOROUGH COUNTIES.

CHEDABUCTO Br.46	SHERBROOKE Br.56	CAMBRAI Br.37
GUYSBOROUGH Br.81	LISCOMBE Br.86	ARRAS Br.59
		TOR BAY Br.117

THE BRANCHES IN THIS ZONE CONTINUE TO WORK DILIGENTLY TO KEEP THEIR DOORS
OPEN . AS IN MOST PARTS OF OUR PROVINCE OUR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN HAVE TO LEAVE
THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES TO ACQUIRE A HIGHER EDUCATION AND / OR A TRADE TO
BETTER THEIR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES . THEY SELDOM RETURN BECAUSE THE LARGER
CENTERS HAVE MORE TO OFFER. BRANCHES ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO
KEEP OUR LEGIONS GOING . IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE CONTINUED EFFORTS OF THE DEDICATED
FEW IN EACH BRANCH THAT ALLOWS THEM TO STAY VIABLE.

THERE WERE A FEW PROBLEMS THAT CAME UP OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS BUT THEY
HAVE BEEN RESOLVED THROUGH COMMUNICATION . THERE IS NO NEED TO PUT PRESSURE ON
THESE SMALLER BRANCHES TO STRAIGHTEN OUT A DILEMMA WHERE PROPER RESPECT ON
BOTH SIDES OF AN ISSUE WOULD BETTER SERVE TO ALLEVIATE THE SITUATION .

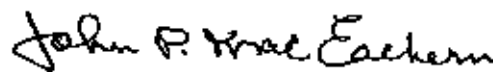
IT IS WITHOUT QUESTION A STRUGGLE TO FIND WAYS TO BRING IN REVENUE TO OUR
BRANCHES . THEY RELY ON CARD GAMES , DART LEAGUES , GAMING MACHINES AND , OF
COURSE , CHASE THE ACE. ONCE AGAIN , I MUST THANK THE MEMBERS WHO, YEAR AFTER
YEAR , REMAIN STEADFAST TO THE TASK OF RUNNING OUR BRANCHES AND BEING A
RESPECTED PART OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK COMRADE WILLIAM ECHLIN , ZONE 6 COMMANDER AND
ZONE 5 DEPUTY COMMANDER COMRADE TOM CONNORS FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS THAT
HELP MAKE EVERYTHING WORK.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

JOHN P. MAC EACHERN

ZONE 5 COMMANDER , DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER.



ZONE 6. PICTOU COUNTY.

PICTOU Br. 16	STELLARTON Br. 28	TRENTON Br. 29
NORMANDY Br.34	WESTVILLE Br. 35	RIVER JOHN Br. 108

Zone 6 – Report for 2016

19Jan2017

During the year I have attended various executive and general meetings of the six branches in zone 6.

I went to the National convention in Newfoundland and was pleased with the information available and the pleasant atmosphere and people.

I also presented cadet medal and NS/NU Bursary award.

Attended the Battle of Atlantic celebration in Pictou Landing and the Battle of Britain celebration in Stellarton. Also hosted the County Remembrance Service in Pictou as well as the Remembrance Day Service in Pictou. Attended the Levi's for Branch #28, Branch #16 and Branch #29.

Conducted Elections for Branch # 16 Pictou and also conducted the initiations for Branch # 16 executive and their L/A for 2017. Conducted the initiations for Branch # 28 and Branch #29 Executive for 2017.

Followed up on Financial reports and Membership Reports with Branches as concerns arose.

Yours in Comradeship

Bill Echlin

Zone 6 Commander

District "C"

Zone 07 & ZONE 10

Zone 07 consists of eight Branches: Joggins Br# 04, Amherst Br# 10, River Hebert Br# 14, Springhill Br# 17, Oxford Br# 36, Parrsboro Br# 45, Peace Br# 60 Pugwash and Malagash Br# 97. The Zone Commander position is vacant.

Zone 10 consists of six Branches: Colchester Br# 26 Truro, Tatamagouche Br# 64, Stewiacke Br# 70, Cobequid Br# 72 Great Village, Shubenacadie Br# 111 and Debert Br# 106. Zone Commander Wilson MacDonald.

Zone 07: Past Zone 07 Commander Comrade M. Phinney resigned in September 2016 due to health related problems. To date two Zone 07 meetings were called with the hope of electing a new Commander. The first meeting there were no nominations and the second meeting was cancelled because only two of the eight Legions acknowledged that they would be attending. Legion reports indicate that most Zone 07 Branches are doing well. Legion Presidents in Zone 07 have been reminded that it is their duty to make sure Zone and District meetings are being represented by their Branches.

Zone 10: Commander Wilson MacDonald reports that Zone 10 Legions are doing well. Most reports are on time and the Branches show strong support for both Zone & District meetings. Four of the Branches are running Chase the Ace as fund raisers. Shubenacadie Br# 111 decided not to sell their Legion building. With a new agenda and fund raiser ideas have started to solve their financial problems. Br# 111 just celebrated their 70th anniversary and Commander MacDonald says it is evident that attitude at Shubenacadie is positive. The other Legions continue to be stable. Commander MacDonald plans a Zone 10 meeting on April 02/17, at Colchester Br# 026.

A District meeting was held on June 22, 2016 at Peace Br# 60Pugwash with 10 of the 14 Legions represented. Discussion on Branch By-laws and Life Membership

Applications took place. Deputy District Commander Wilson MacDonald gave a report on the Dominion Convention held in St. John's NFDL.

The next District meeting is planned for March 2017 at Debert Legion Br# 106. The meeting is to elect District "C" officers for the next two years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hoeg

Robert Hoeg,

District "C" Commander

District D

Zones 8, 9, and 11

Zone 8 Branches

Kings 006
Hants 009
Ortona 069
Habitant 073
Dr. C.B. Lumsden 074
Alvin Foster MM Memorial 098

Location

Kentville
Windsor
Berwick
Canning
Wolfville
Kingston

Zone 9 Branches

Middleton 001
Port Royal 021
Bridgetown 033
Lawrencetown 112
Clementsport 122

Location

Middleton
Annapolis Royal
Bridgetown
Lawrencetown
Clementsport

Zone 11 Branches

Branch 020
Branch 022
Branch 067
Capiquet 092

Location

Digby
Bear River
Weymouth
Freeport

Zone 8 Report

All 6 branches are struggling to keep their membership numbers up. There is a trend throughout our whole Command that numbers are steadily declining. The numbers of new members are not keeping up with the decline in renewals or new installations.

Branch 074 in Wolfville is struggling a little more, percentage wise, with membership numbers and branch functions. A former President of the Kentville Legion has volunteered to assist the branch with anything they may need. Time will tell if Branch 074 will take advantage of this very qualified offer of assistance.

Branch 073 in Canning is having a lot of trouble with Dominion Command and the processing of memberships into the National system.

New Presidents have been elected at Branch 006 Kentville and Branch 009 Windsor. We wish them both luck and hope that they will seek assistance from their own Executive and the rest of our Zone and District.

All 6 Branches are financially in the black and doing a reasonable job keeping it that way. There is a need at all branches in Zone 8 for training of the Executives in matters such as finance, and Article III of the General By-Laws, along with more training on the duties of Sgt-at-Arms, chaplains, presidents, and Executive. This is being planned for with things happening before summer.

In general, branch volunteer pools are getting burnt out with few younger volunteers coming along to take their place. A lot of our volunteers are in their 80's and 90's.

Comrades, we have our Provincial Convention coming up in May at the Bridgewater Legion. There will be resolutions and other matters to discuss and vote on. This will be a topic at our Zone 8 Meeting in March and we will also discuss it at our next District D meeting in April. Please consider sending branch reps to this convention.

I would like to thank Comrade Gilbert for his dedication and great job as Zone Commander.

Zone 9 Report

Branches in Zone 9 are doing okay. Some branches have received numerous grants and have made good use of their resources.

Internal squabbling is always a problem in some branches. The sad part of this is some members bust their rear ends to make fundraisers and running the legion a success while others are along for the ride. This trend is never going to change.

Some Presidents within the Zone need to read "How to run a Legion Meeting." At the same time Presidents need to do something about the noise outside the meeting room door, members feeling the meeting is not meant for them.

Comrade Moore has performed outstandingly as Zone Commander. From October to February he has had 17 meetings or functions in his Zone. He feels Branches in Zone 9 are faring pretty well.

Zone 11 Report

Branches in Zone 11 are still without a Zone Commander. However they are experiencing the same woes are Branches in Zones 8 and 9. Membership is declining and they have a lack of volunteers.

The Zone is now down to four Branches as Dominion Command revoked the Charter from Clare Branch.

I would like to thank Comrades Gilbert and Geddes for their support when we traveled to Clare to remove their Charter.

Respectfully Submitted

Mervin Steadman
District D Commander

District E Report February 2017

I represented President Wessel in Lunenburg Branch 23 at the announcement of the Legion Capital Assistance Grant for the South Shore. Lunenburg and Mahone Bay Legion were both recipients of a grant this year.

I went to visit District A with District F Commander and the Command Chairman in October. We certainly were impressed how District Commander Martens conducts his meeting, but he has had 40 years of practice.

I joined Comrade President Wessel at Government House on October 21st, 2016 when he presented the first Poppy to Lt. Governor Grant.

I attended the General meeting on October 25th in Chester Basin with guest Speaker President Steve Wessel. He spoke about the future of the Royal Canadian Legion in the next 5 -10 years. It was very informative as those in attendance were very impressed and spoke about after the meeting.

I visited the veteran's unit in Lunenburg on November 11th. I am sorry that I missed the ceremony in the morning but I am Poppy Chairman at my own branch and therefore I only made it over for cake in the afternoon.

I had the great privilege to attend the Open House at the Lockeport legion. They have done a tremendous job renovating their branch. Over the past three or four years they have replaced their kitchen, floors, removed the old furnace and put in electric heat. They have removed the old paneling and add new insulation through the building and then covered the walls with gyprock. They are now in the process of installing heat pumps with their Chase the Ace monies. It is up lifting to see a little branch, with less than 30 members, work so hard to keep their legion going and to continue to remember those who have served are serving or who have fallen in the line of duty.

On a sad note, the Port Maitland branch has finalized the list for donations in the area, and wish to surrender their charter. I wish to thank the members for all their years of dedication to the Port Maitland area and wish them well in the future. I know that many members are transferring or have already transferred to other branches.

Yours in comradeship,

Marion Fryday-Cook
District E Commander

DISTRICT F RREPORT
EX COUNCIL,-FEB 2017

Since the last report have attended several H&A Evenings and had the honour of assisting with the award presentation, and also have participated in several Branch elections.

The Branches for the most part are doing well, financially and membership wise

There are a few who seem to have problems mainly due to not adhering to the by-laws or listening to incorrect advice.

Article III's are more prevalent now, even with the levy attached to a Complaint.

The Branches are taking advantage of the Grants that are available to them for upgrades and repairs to their buildings.

Chase the Ace for some Branches continues to prove it's a worthwhile endeavor and it does bring in new members and puts money in their coffers...

Elections for the most part are completed in both Zones and the New Executives are moving forward with their Branches and vacant positions are being filled by appointments.

Zone Commanders were busy over the past several months, visiting Branches, running elections, and giving assistance to Presidents as they move forward.

The Poster and Literary contest results are in and congratulations to the Schools and Branches who ensured that the students take part in this Remembrance endeavor.

Remembrance Day attendance at cenotaph services were up in numbers and the Poppy Campaigns were once again successful

Veterans and their dependants continue to be looked after by the Branch Service Officers and referred onto Command if necessary for further assistance. Many thanks to them for their dedicated work.

Financial statements are being sent in on a timely manner, with a nudge sometimes as a reminder.

New H&A Applications are sent into Command for approval for deserving members and citations appear to be improving.

Branches continue to look for new ways to bring in New Members and are looking forward to the new system. There has been an improvement in Membership reporting to Command and as result a small backlog has occurred at that level, but it is being sorted out

Many thanks to the Zone Commanders and their Boards and the branches who ensure that District F runs according to By-law and policy.

Delegates are being nominated at the Branches for the upcoming Provincial Convention and information sent into Command,

Looking forward to Convention and the deliberations

Next District F meeting is April 2/17 at Waverley -- Dieppe Branch #90

In Comradeship

Rita Connors

District F Commander .

Appeals Committee

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Appeals Committee is tasked to hear all appeals that are received at Command level.

To date there have been three appeals. Two appeals were dealt with by email and/or tele conference and one necessitated an in-person meeting of the committee.

One appeal was returned and the decision of the Branch was upheld.

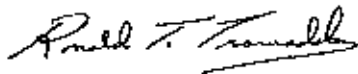
One appeal was returned and the decision of the Branch was upheld, the penalty varied as per GBL Article III 314 j,2.

One appeal was returned and decision was upheld as per Article III.

Appeals are private and proceedings are held in confidence.

I wish to thank my Committee, Comrades Jean Marie Deveaux and Jay Tofflemire for their careful consideration on all appeals.

Respectfully Submitted



Ronald T. Trowsdale
Chairman
Appeals Committee
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command, RCL

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Benevolent Assistance Committee Report

Chairman	Comrade Ted Martens
Member	Comrade Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte
Secretary	Command Service Officer

The NS/NU Command Benevolent Fund is the only Command fund that is a registered charitable fund.

Under the umbrella of the Benevolent Fund, three programs are operated, the Benevolent Assistance Program, Veterans Outreach Programs and Paws Fur Thought. The Veterans Outreach Programs and Paws Fur Thought are reported through the Veterans Outreach Committee. The Benevolent Assistance Program is reported through NS/NU Command Benevolent Committee.

The NS/NU Command Benevolent Assistance Program is utilized to provide emergency assistance to Veterans and their families, such as shelter, food, fuel, clothing, prescription medicine and necessary transportation. Assistance cannot be continued over an extended period but may be offered more than once to an individual.

Every application is considered on the merits of the applicants' circumstances and demonstrated need. The problem giving rise to the client's need must be beyond the ability of the applicants' own resources, and it must be of a sufficiently serious nature to constitute a definite threat to the economic stability of the veterans and/or Veterans' family. A grant can only be made if the assistance, on its own or in conjunction with grants from other sources, will provide a complete and immediate solution to the situation or contribute to a plan offering reasonable assurance of a long-term solution and stability. The recommended solution must be the most basic and cost-effective remedy available given the applicants' need and circumstances. Benevolent assistance is considered only after all other sources of support are exhausted.

Clients either present directly to Command, through NS/NU Command Branches, government agencies or other benevolent organizations.

The Benevolent Assistance Program is made possible through donations from NS/NU Command Branch Poppy Trust Funds and with small donations from outside organizations and individuals.

On behalf of the Committee I extend great thanks to the Branches of NS/NU Command who have answered the call for this much needed support and encourage all Branches to include a donation to the Benevolent Assistance Program when considering the disbursement of Branch Poppy Trust Funds.

Respectfully Submitted
T.J. Martens
Chairman
Benevolent Assistance Committee
NS/NU Command

NS/NU Command Building Report

Committee members

Jay Tofflemire – Chair

February 10, 2017

Comrades All

The fall of 2016 was very quiet for the Building, finished moving and hanging pictures and furniture as required.

In January 2017 after the high wind storms, approximately half a bungle of shingles had to be replaced on the roof @ cost of \$483.00

With some committee work being conducted either after hours or on weekends it was determined that staff and the building chair have remote access to control the heat in the Main Office. Therefore, a new wireless thermostat was purchased and installed for the main office @ cost of \$194.52. A second thermostat for the Boardroom will be purchased and installed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted

Jay Tofflemire
Building Chair

Bursary and Scholarship Committee Report

Chairman	Comrade Ted Martens
Member	Comrade Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte
Secretary	Comrade Pat Watson

There were a total of 278 applications received in 2015 and 262 applications received in 2016.

NS/NU Command, each year awards the Elsie Jean Lambert Scholarship, the Jack Moore bursaries, NS/NU Command Bursaries and Trust Fund bursaries. On behalf of the province of Nova Scotia, NS/NU Command overseas the award of the Prince of Wales Scholarship.

I would like to thank Committee Member Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte and the Committee Secretaries for the sterling job done in identifying and categorizing applications in advance according to the qualifying parameters for each bursary and scholarship. This planning has resulted in a much more efficient process of selection.

Respectfully Submitted
T.J. Martens
Committee Chair

CADET MEDAL of EXCELLENCE

Chairman- Robert Hoeg

Member – Don McCumber

NS Cadet League – Lieutenant Commander Marie Bourinot

Secretary- Pat Watson

The Cadet Medal of Excellence Committee of 2016 approved a total of thirty nine (39) applications.

I thank NS Cadet League representative, Captain Constantine for her dedication to the Cadet Medal program and Don and Adam Martin for their part in the Cadet Medal Awards process. The 2017 application forms will be sent out to all 87 Cadet Corps later this year.

The 2017 Cadet Medal started off with a surprise. When I tried to contact our NS Cadet League liaison person I found that Capt. Constantine has moved to Regular Forces. Many calls / emails later and help from Pat Watson we found that Lieutenant Commander Marie Bourinot would be our NS Cadet League representative. I did speak with LCdr. Bourinot by phone. We are to meet when the LCdr. has had time to contact her people in the NS Cadet League to get an update on the 2017 applications.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hoeg

Robert Hoeg Chairman

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

Chairman – Karen Lynch
Members – Wendell Crowell, Wilson MacDonald
Secretary – Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Complaints Committee handles all complaints at Command level.

The complaints process from beginning to end requires strict adherence to the provisions set out in Article III of the RCL General By-laws. Even those complaints that are lodged but later withdrawn demand a great deal of time and attention to detail.

At the time of writing, there were 5 complaint hearings concluded, 2 pending, and 2 that were properly lodged but withdrawn.

I would like to thank Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte, the committee members, and the members-in-waiting who stepped in to assist when needed, for their many hours of hard work and thorough consideration of all aspects of complaint matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lynch
Complaints Committee Chairman

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2017

The Constitution and By-law Committee met on Friday, February 10, 2017
The meeting was held at the NS/NU Command office.

The committee reviewed amendments and changes to by-laws from a total of twelve (12) Branches within the command.

The Committee noted that many Branches have not up-dated there By-law books.

The Committee suggests that any Branch that has had changes or up-dates to their By-laws check and see if the changes have been added to their existing by-law books and if so has a copy been forwarded to the Command office. If changes haven't been up-dated to current by- law books the Committee asks that updated by-laws be added to Branch by-law books and a copy sent to the Command office to be placed on file.

I would like to thank Committee members Comrade Jay Tofflemire and Comrade Karen Lynch for the time and effort they have committed to the Committee.

I would also like to thank Committee Secretary Comrade Colleen Longmire For her efforts on behalf of the Committee.

Respectfully Submitted

Mel Crowe
Chairman, Constitution and Laws

HONOURS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2017

The committee met on Friday February 10, 2017.

The Committee reviewed a total of 21 applications of various categories, there were:

- 14 Life Membership applications
- 4 MSM applications
- 2 Palm Leaf Applications
- 1 Friendship Award

The Honours and Awards Committee has, over a period of time sent out ABM's and notices on what is required when submitting an application for the various awards available. Included in the ABM's and notices was a checklist and sample citation to help awards committees at the Branches properly fill out applications when applying for awards for deserving Comrades and yet the Committee is still receiving applications that are on the wrong form or the application is not signed by the Zone Commander or District Commander or worse the citations are not up to the standard required to forward to Dominion Command for their approval.

When a Branch applies for an award for a Comrade it means that the Comrade has been an outstanding member of the RCL and the Branch He/she represents. When a deserving Comrade has been nominated for a Legion award, we the Committee ask that when filling out a citation that the Branch Honours and awards Committee follow the guidelines to make sure this deserving Comrade receives the award that has been applied for.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee Comrades Karen Lynch and Jay Tofflemire as well as Committee Secretary Comrade Colleen Longmire for their Commitment over the last two years.

Respectfully Submitted

Mel Crowe
Chairman

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command RCL
Leadership Training Camp Report
February 2017

The 2017 Legion Leadership Camp will be held in Truro, N.S. at the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus from June 24th to July 2nd. Note the changes – starting a day earlier on Saturday and ending on Sunday, including closing ceremonies.

The several major changes that were made in 2015, such as the camp is two days shorter, busses cancelled, less college facilities usage, smaller number of students, less staff, increase enrolment cost for student to attend, all achieved the goal of bringing the overall operation of the camp very close to budget.

The usual preparations are well underway with all schools, Legions, District and Zone Commanders being contacted directly with Information Kits. The camp committee will meet with the Camp Director to discuss any issues that may arise.

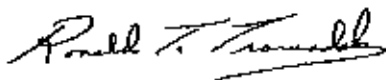
Our goal for 2017 is to have a full camp of sixty (60) students attend. This will not be achieved without the full support of all District and Zone Commanders and their Legion Branches.

This year we will again request Minister of Education the Hon. Karen Casey to contact all schools in the province supporting and encouraging them to assist students to attend the camp. She will also be invited to the closing ceremonies.

I wish to thank my committee consisting of Comrade Wilson MacDonald, Secretary Colleen Longmire, the Councilors, Executive Council, Zone and District Commanders and the Executive Director Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte for making the camp the success it is.

I again as chairman request the Executive Council and Zone Commanders make every effort to attend the closing of this Great Camp. Then and only then will you truly understand the spirit of this camp and why it must continue for many years to come.

Respectfully Submitted



Ronald T. Trowsdale
Chairman
Legion Leadership Training Camp
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command, RCL

Leadership and Development Report February 2017

The committee has been working on their power points and scripts for the next round of webinars. I would like to have at least two more ready for the website by early spring.

We had to cancel the training session in Stellarton and I am waiting for a new date from the branch.

We have had a request to put on a Article III seminar at the Montgomery Branch in Enfield and we are in the process of booking a Sunday afternoon as per the branches request. Chairman Lynch will make the presentation to the members of the Branch as well as anyone else who might wish to attend.

I made a presentation to Zone 14 as requested by the Zone Commander. This seminar was about the proper wearing of a uniform, when it is to be worn, pins, presenting Legion bursaries etc. I think I was preaching to the choir as everyone was in uniform but had many questions about the wearing of pins, badges, etc after the meeting.

I am working on the seminars planned for Saturday afternoon of the Convention. I have asked, through Comrade Crowe to have one of the Presidents from Cape Breton that had the tremendous success with their "Chase the Ace" speak about how they handled the crowds, tickets, permits, licenses etc. It would be great to have first hand knowledge to assist branches who are planning to invest in this venture in the future. I will also have a member from the Alcohol and Gaming to speak about the changes to the "Chase the Ace" licenses and the governments end of things. Comrade Jay will be doing a presentation on the new online membership format from Dominion Command. Comrade Don McCumber is will have computers set up to present the new website in the room off the main hall. The plan is from 2:00 - 4:30 and I will have a schedule out to all and an ABMO sent out closer to the convention.

Yours in Comradeship,

Marion Fryday-Cook
Leadership and Development

Liquor and Gaming Committee

Chairman: Mervin Steadman
Member: Clifford MacIntyre
Secretary: Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte

Comrades, over the last two years, only one issue came to light regarding Alcohol and Gaming, this being how to handle Chase the Ace jackpots over fifty thousand dollars.

Comrade President Wessel called an emergency meeting with: himself, 2nd Vice President Tofflemire, Secretary Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte, myself, and reps from the Alcohol and Gaming Division. At this time I apologize to Comrade MacIntyre for not informing him of the meeting because of the short notice.

A discussion was agreed upon as how to handle a Chase the Ace jackpot in excess of \$50,000.00

An All Branch mail out was prepared and distributed.

At this time I would like to thank District F Commander, Comrade Rita Connors, for inviting Alcohol and Gaming Licensing and Registration Reps to District meetings in Spryfield and Fairview. I attended both meetings and found them very informative and very interesting. I would suggest other Districts, Zones, or Branches to invite a rep from Alcohol and Gaming including your local liquor inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

Mervin Steadman
Chairman

LOTTO SWEEP COMMITTEE
Ex Council Report Feb /2017
2015-2016

Two meetings were held in Jan to discuss the future of the Lotto sweep Campaign moving forward. 1st meeting After much discussion, it was agreed that the Lotto campaign could not continue to operate as it has in the past. Two options were left on the table, 1) to discontinue the program 2) make fundamental changes to the program.

It was agreed to take all steps to possible to save the program, however it had to be revamped Actions were given to all Committee members to consider and bring back recommendations to the next meeting and formalize a proposal to present to the Executive Council

2nd meeting – All options were reviewed and narrowed down to one. A proposal was drawn up And presented to the Finance Committee for review and the results will be presented at Ex Council meeting for discussion

Thanks to NS/NU Command President Steve & Executive Director Valerie and the Committee Members, Comrades Karen Lynch, Glenn Hobin and Wendell Crowell for all their input.

Below is a chart from the past 2 years to show that some adjustments were made in the 2016 campaign , but # of tickets sold were down significantly and the cost of printing was up.

A number of factors could have played a role in this – high postage to mail returns back, cost of money orders, Branch fund raising endeavors .and a postal strike and several others.

Lottery	2015	2016
Number of Tickets printed	125,000	108,300
Number of tickets sold	27,598	23,418
Number of tickets not sold	97,402	84,882
Total Revenue	\$55,197	\$46,837.00
Interest & Bank Charges	\$55.00	\$26.01
Meeting expenses	\$309.20	\$36.98
Advertising & printing	\$9877	\$10,100.95
Postage & Courier	\$11,969	\$11,444.50
License fees	\$544	\$511.20
Prizes	\$27,300	\$ 24,000

The Committee thanks those Legionnaires who took the time to fill out the tickets and sent them back to Command in time for the draws and as result 7 lucky members won from \$1000.00 to \$10,000.00 respectfully

Also thanks to the Volunteers, Comrades Bette Thistle, Neil Landry, Almira Scanlon, Brian & Marjorie Holm-Larsen, who opened envelopes faithfully over the Campaign?

And thanks to the office staff Colleen Longmire, Ken Guitard and Pat Watson for all their help

Respectfully submitted

Rita Connors, Chairman

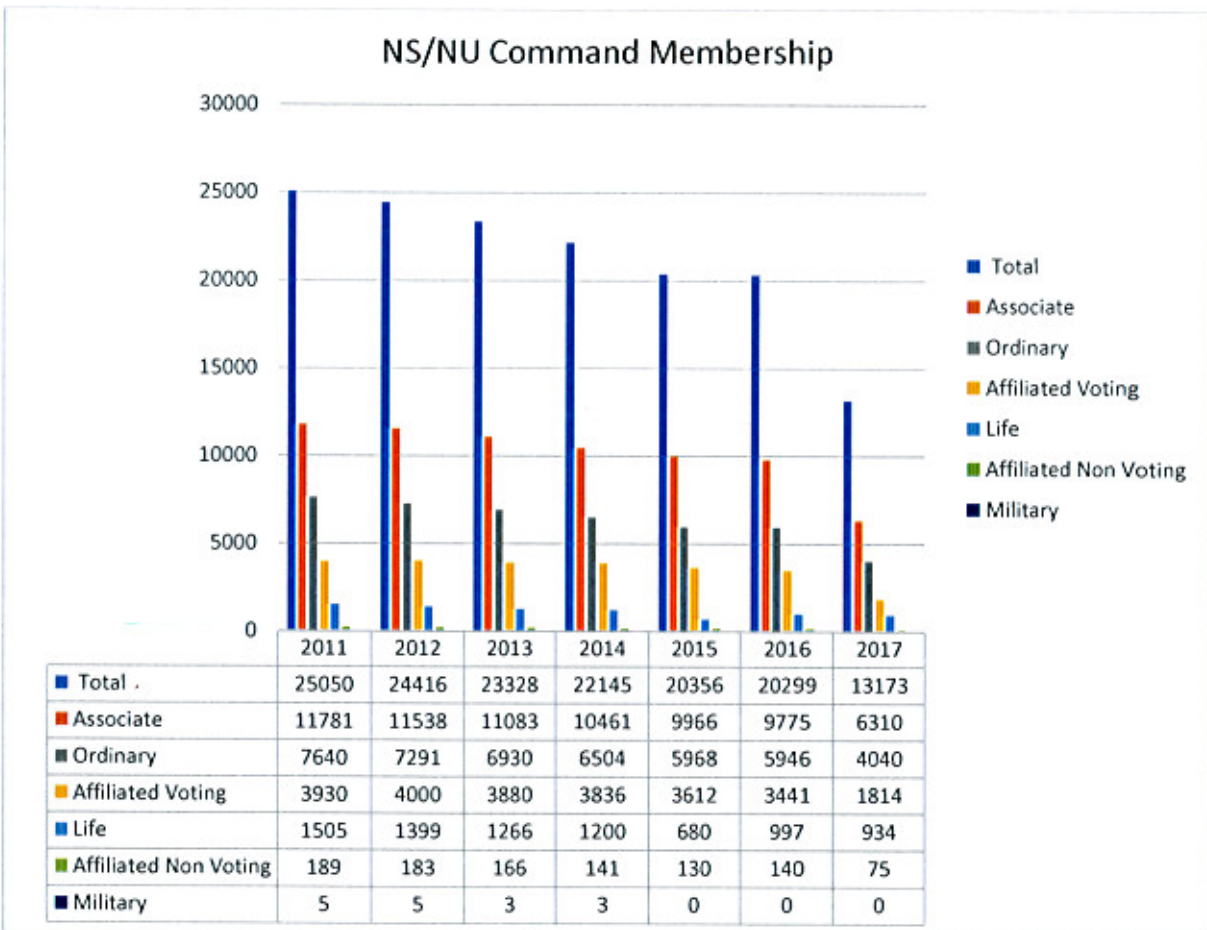
NS/NU Command Membership Report

Committee members

Jay Tofflemire – Chair
 Mervin Steadman – Member
 Wilson MacDonald – Member
 Colleen Longmire – Secretary

February 10, 2017

Comrades All



Respectfully submitted

Jay Tofflemire
 Membership Chair



Poppy Report February 2017

Poppy prices have increased by 5% approved by Dominion Command and the prices for our Command were to go up by 10%. These price increases were included in the 2016 price list but upon reflection, the council agreed that the NS/NU Command 10% portion would be credited back to the branches.

The majority of Branch status reports were sent to Command by October 31, 2016 as per the General By-Laws of the Royal Canadian Legion. I have reviewed all that were sent in by the end of January and have instructed that letters be sent out requesting more information or clarification to the branches which had not properly filled out their reports or had items that were not permissible as per the Poppy Manual.

I recruited three retired teachers from my district to assist once again with the judging of the Literacy portion of the Remembrance Contests. I would like to thank them for their hard work again this year. I would like to thank the three members from Branch 44 and the three members from Branch 161 assist with the poster judging. It was a difficult decision to choose the over all winners in each category because of the high quality of the submissions.

I would like to thank the staff at Command for all their hard work in sorting, compiling and shipping all the entries. We also received an email congratulating our Command for being the first in the country to have our entries submitted to Dominion Command.

Yours in Comradeship,

Marion Fryday-Cook
Poppy Chairman
NS/NUN Command

Public Relations Report

Comrades

The update to the Legion Command website has been a long and continuing process. We now have our secretary Pat Watson working to accumulate updated information and current additions to the various components of the website. The various branches and executive committee chairmen have been contacted to provide input to the overall development of the website. Where there has not been any response in certain areas we have made the necessary recommended changes and input as seen appropriate. There will be a meeting in mid February with the webmaster, command staff, Command President, and some members of the executive committee. This meeting will be held to review all of the input and changes to date. I look forward to this meeting that I am sure will be productive in producing a current website that will be beneficial to all of the Nova Scotia/Nunavut Legion Commands' members. I trust that we can have the updated site available for display at the Provincial Convention.

We still welcome any input and responses to our requests. This site as you are aware can provide answers to a lot of inquiries. This will make committee chairmen and staffs' duties a little easier.

Please play your role in the development.

A special "Thanks" to Valerie and Pat for your input and guidance.

Regards

Comrade Don

Public Relations chairman.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

JANUARY 21, 2017

Chairman – George Della Valle

Member – Glenn Hobin

Member – Conrad Gilbert

Secretary – Valerie Mitchell – Veinotte

The Resolutions Committee is in receipt of nine (9) submissions from various Branches.

The nine (9), resolutions received have been reviewed by the Resolutions Committee via e-mail.

The Resolutions reviewed, will be presented to Executive Council at the February 25 Council meeting.

An ABMO #47 dated September 6, 2016 was used to notify all Branches that the date of submissions to the Resolutions Committee were due, in order to meet the deadline for the 2017 Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Convention in Bridgewater, NS May 20 - 22 2017.

Respectfully Submitted

George Della Valle

Chairman

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NS/NU COMMAND
RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM

BRANCH # 42 BRANCH NAME MAHONE BAY

The following format **IS THE ONLY ONE TO BE USED** by all Branches when submitting resolutions to NS/NU Command for Provincial or Dominion Conventions. All Resolutions must be signed by the Branch President, Secretary and the Zone Commander.

Whereas: Too often the National Flag of Canada is unintentionally desecrated by well meaning members of the Royal Canadian Legion by signing their names to the national flag of Canada

Whereas: The Federal Government National Flag of Canada etiquette states that nothing should be pinned to or sewn on the National Flag of Canada and the National Flag of Canada should not be signed or marked in anyway.

Therefore be it resolved: That the Royal Canadian Legion directs that no branch shall initiate, encourage or participate in any event which involves the signing of any National Flag of Canada

(NOTE: IF MORE ROOM IS REQUIRED, PLEASE USE THE BACK OR ATACH ANOTHER SHEET.)

The above Resolution was approved at the Branch General Meeting held: December 6, 2016

It was Moved by Comrade Gary Silliker Seconded by Comrade Janet Chernin
Branch President [Signature] Branch Secretary Judith Russell
Zone Commander [Signature] District Commander Maurice Ingham
NS/NU Command Resolution Chairperson _____ Date: _____

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**NS/NU COMMAND
RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM
BRANCH # 49 BRANCH NAME MAHONE BAY**

The following format **IS THE ONLY ONE TO BE USED** by all Branches when submitting resolutions to NS/NU Command for Provincial or Dominion Conventions. **All Resolutions must be signed by the Branch President, Secretary and the Zone Commander.**

WHEREAS the Canadian Force (CF) states that their members who take part in activities and operations under exceptional circumstances are formally recognized as having participated in special service; and

WHEREAS CF members are recognized for that special service with the awarding of the CF Special Service Medal (SSM) with an appropriate bar for a specific special service; and

WHEREAS members of the CF who served within NATO conducting deterrence operations during and after the Cold War have been awarded a bar that reads "NATO-OTAN" to the SSM in recognition of that service; and

WHEREAS members of the CF who served between 1952 and 1992 in operational and operational-support roles in various North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) units during and after the Cold War have never been formally recognized for that service; and,

WHEREAS members of the CF who served between 1955 and 1995 in Sound Surveillance System (SOSUS) units during and after the Cold War have never been formally recognized for that service and,

WHEREAS members of the CF who served between 1956 and 1997 in signals intelligence intercept facilities conducting Communications Research during and after the Cold War have never been formally recognized for that service and,

WHEREAS service with NORAD, SOSUS and/or Communication Research was primarily served on numerous remote stations across Canada under exceptionally high security protocols and high operational tempo and,

WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Legion believes that Canadian military service during the Cold War in operational units within NATO, NORAD, SOSUS and Communications Research were equally important in bringing the Cold War to an end without international conflict

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Royal Canadian Legion urges the Department of National Defence, the Canadian Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Canada to work with Rideau Hall in creating and approving a bar to the CF Special Service Medal that shall be awarded to all qualifying members of the CF and veterans of the CF who did honourable service supporting and/or conducting operations on NORAD, SOSUS and/or Communications Research units. It is recommended such a bar would read "COLD WAR" or "DETERRENCE" or the Latin "DETERRERE"

(NOTE: IF MORE ROOM IS REQUIRED, PLEASE USE THE BACK OR ATACH ANOTHER SHEET.)

The above Resolution was approved at the Branch General Meeting held: December 6, 2016

It was Moved by Comrade Gary Silliker Seconded by Comrade Chris Racine
Branch President [Signature] Branch Secretary Janet Purcell
Zone Commander [Signature] District Commander Marion Joyday Cook
NS/NU Command Resolution Chairperson _____ Date: _____

BACKGROUND: The Special Service Medal (SSM) was created to recognize members of the Canadian Forces who are taking part in activities and operations under exceptional circumstances. Current special service includes service in Canadian Forces Station Alert (ALERT); peacekeeping operations, from November 1947 to 21 June 2001 which had not been recognized by any other award in, or accepted into, the Canadian Honours system at the time (PEACE-PAIX); service within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) area of responsibility between 1 January 1951 and 19 October 2004 (NATO-OTAN); specific operations with NATO since 2004 (NATO-OTAN); service performed outside Canada from 11 June 1984 to 31 July 2009 in support of any humanitarian operation, conducted in response to a disaster or human conflict (HUMANITAS); four years of honourable service as a Canadian Ranger since 1947 (RANGER); and service performed outside Canada beginning July 1, 2007, while deployed to participate in or provide direct support on a full-time basis to approved operations (EXPEDITION).

WHY: Many members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CF) who served in units conducting deterrence operations from 1955 to 1997 have never been formally recognized for their service during the Cold War. The Royal Canadian legions believe that all CF members who have taken part in activities and operations under exceptional circumstances conducting deterrence operations during the Cold War should be formally recognized.

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**NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND
RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM**

BRANCH #: 161

BRANCH NAME: Eastern Marine

WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Legion allows through prior approval of Provincial Command support of Cadet Units;

WHEREAS the cadet units are defined as Sea cadets, Army Cadets, and Air cadets in the Poppy Manual section 403 ii f

WHEREAS members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) are recognized by the Federal Government of Canada and by extension, the Royal Canadian Legion as Veterans.

WHEREAS the RCMP cadet program "Stetsons and Spurs" is only available to youth in certain areas of Nova Scotia (presently Tantallon, Cole Harbour and Halifax)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command accept this resolution in allowing Poppy Funds to be directed under "Special Use" to Nova Scotia RCMP cadet organizations "Stetsons and Spurs".

The above Resolution was approved at the Branch General Meeting held: 13th December 2016

It was Moved by Comrade Glen Leduc

Branch President *John Dubechian*

Zone Commander *Alvin Hill*

NS/NU Command Resolution Chairperson

Seconded by Comrade Shelley Williamson

Branch Secretary *Susan Peacock*

District Commander *Rita Connors*

Date *JAN 4/17*

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NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND
RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM

BRANCH #: 161 BRANCH NAME: Eastern Marine

WHEREAS: The Legion dress plays a significant role in projecting a positive image of the Royal Canadian Legion to the public

WHEREAS: The Royal Canadian Legion membership is declining and branches are having trouble attracting Regular Force and younger members of the community to join

WHEREAS: The uniforms and the attitude toward wearing the "dress uniform" has changed significantly over the past ten years within the Regular forces

WHEREAS: An informal survey of young personnel, both serving and non-serving has shown an ambivalence to wearing the traditional Legion Dress. By extension, it is surmised that the Standard Legion Dress is somewhat of a barrier to younger persons joining the Legion

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Royal Canadian Legion develop an alternative to the current Legion Dress that can be "attractive" to younger persons, and that can be worn "with pride".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this developed "uniform" would not replace the current Legion Dress but be an "optional", recognized uniform that can be worn by members should they so wish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Provincial command of the Royal Canadian Legion vigorously promote this resolution to the Dominion Command

The above Resolution was approved at the Branch General Meeting held: 13th December, 2016

It was Moved by Comrade John Gibson
Branch President *John Gibson*
Zone Commander *John Gibson*
NS/NU Command Resolution Chairperson

Seconded by Comrade Jay Tofflemire
Branch Secretary *Jay Tofflemire*
District Commander *R. to command*
Date *JAN 4/17*

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NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND
RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM

BRANCH #: 161

BRANCH NAME: Eastern Marine

WHEREAS: The Purposes and Objects of the Royal Canadian Legion are clearly defined within the General By-Laws that we are an organization that supports veterans and their dependents, promotes remembrance of our fallen and those that have served,

WHEREAS: No article mandates that the Royal Canadian Legion, support groups or organizations that have no direct affiliation with our veterans or their dependents,

WHEREAS: NS/NU Command membership is steadily declining at a rate of 5% annually which directly affects revenue received from the Per Capita Tax,

WHEREAS: The annual amount spent or budgeted, approximately \$50,000 at the NS/NU Command Provincial level for the Leadership Training Program, is considered excessive and detracts from much-needed veteran support,

WHEREAS: There are no criteria requiring that the youth selected for NS/NU Command Leadership Training Camp Program be dependents of veterans, and this program is considered "open to all youth",

WHEREAS: This program does not get good value for money and receives very little publicity within the Province, benefits a relatively small percentage of NS/NU youth, and is a "little known" program throughout NS/NU Command.

WHEREAS: There are no statistics available to show the success of this program in encouraging future membership of the Royal Canadian legion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command withdraw its financial support for the Leadership Training Camp Program from the year 2017 and any future years.

The above Resolution was approved at the Branch General Meeting held: 13th December, 2016

It was Moved by Comrade John Gibson
Branch President *John Gibson*
Zone Commander *Alvin Hill*
NS/NU Command Resolution Chairperson

Seconded by Comrade Dean Othen
Branch Secretary *Dean Othen*
District Commander *Rita Connors*
Date *Jan 4/17*

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NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND
RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM

BRANCH #: 161

BRANCH NAME: Eastern Marine

WHEREAS: The Purposes and Objects of the Royal Canadian Legion are clearly defined within the General By-Laws that we are an organization that supports veterans and their dependents, promotes remembrance of our fallen and those that have served,

WHEREAS: No article mandates that the Royal Canadian Legion, support groups or organizations that have no direct affiliation with our veterans or their dependents,

WHEREAS: NS/NU Command membership is steadily declining at a rate of 5% annually which directly affects revenue received from the Per Capita Tax,

WHEREAS: The annual amount spent or budgeted, approximately \$10,000 at the NS/NU Command Provincial level for the Track and Field Sport Program, is considered excessive and detracts from much-needed veteran support,

WHEREAS: There are no criteria requiring that the youth selected to represent NS/NU Command Track and Field Sport Program be dependents of veterans, and this program is considered "open to all youth",

WHEREAS: This program does not get good value for money and receives very little publicity within the Province, benefits a relatively small percentage of NS/NU youth, and is a "little known" program throughout NS/NU Command.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command withdraw its financial support for the Track and Field Sport Program from the year 2017 and any future years.

The above Resolution was approved at the Branch General Meeting held: 13th December, 2016

It was Moved by Comrade Glen Leduc
Branch President *Glen Leduc*
Zone Commander *Alvin Huls*
NS/NU Command Resolution Chairperson

Seconded by Comrade Shelley Williamson
Branch Secretary *Shelley Williamson*
District Commander *Rita Connors*
Date JAN 4/17

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NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND
RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM

BRANCH #: 161

BRANCH NAME: Eastern Marine

WHEREAS: The command level of the Royal Canadian Legion is responsible for processing the Claim Application Forms forwarded by individual branches on behalf of veterans

WHEREAS: The number of applicants to NS/NU Command has reportedly increased 400% over the past two years and now requires two full-time Service Officers to deal with the increased workload

WHEREAS: The Service Bureau Officers require a considerable level of training and experience to carry out their responsibilities in an efficient manner in support of veterans

WHEREAS: The Service Bureau Officers require to be security screened, cleared and trained to allow them access to the sensitive and personal records of veterans on the CSDN

WHEREAS: The salaries of these Service Bureau Officers is paid for by much-needed Poppy Trust Funds and for two Service Officers in NS/NU Command this salary with benefit costs would be in the region of \$90,000 per year

WHEREAS: The Service Officers are doing the job of Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the NS/NU Command ask Dominion Command to petition Veterans Affairs Canada regarding the replacement of Command Service Officers with fully trained government employees nationwide.

The above Resolution was approved at the Branch General Meeting held: 10th January, 2017

It was Moved by Comrade: Glen Leduc

Seconded by Comrade: Shelley Williamson

Branch President

Branch Secretary

Zone Commander

District Commander

NS/NU Command Resolution Chairperson

Date Jan 17 / 17

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NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND
RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM

BRANCH #: 59 BRANCH NAME: ARAS

The following format **IS THE ONLY ONE TO BE USED** by all Branches when submitting Resolutions to Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command for Provincial or Dominion Conventions. All resolutions must be signed by the Branch President, Secretary and the Zone Commander.

Whereas: NS/NU COMMAND INFORMED BRANCHES THAT THE 10% ASSESSMENT OF THE BRANCHES POPPY TRUST FUND WAS IMPLEMENTED BECAUSE THE PROV. SERVICE OFFICER WAS OVERLY BUSY AND THERE WAS A NEED TO HIRE ANOTHER FULLTIME STAFF MEMBER.

Whereas: NS/NU COMMAND ALSO INFORMED BRANCHES THAT THE MAIN REASON FOR THE EXTRA BUSSINESS WAS THE CLOSURE OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS OFFICE IN SYDNEY N.S. AND OTHER OFFICES.

Whereas: MOST BRANCHES HAVE RELIABLE SERVICE OFFICERS THAT TAKE CARE OF VETERAN'S NEEDS WITHOUT GOING THROUGH NS/NU COMMAND SERVICE OFFICERS, ALSO THE VETERAN'S AFFAIRS OFFICE HAS BEEN REOPENED.

Therefore be it resolved: THAT NS/NU COMMAND WITHDRAW THE 10% ASSESSMENT ON BRANCH POPPY TRUST FUNDS, EFFECTIVE OCT. 1 2016.

be it further resolved:

(NOTE: IF MORE ROOM IS REQUIRED, PLEASE USE THE BACK OR ATTACH ANOTHER SHEET.)

The above Resolution was approved at the Branch General Meeting held: JAN 15 2017

It was Moved by Comrade JAMES MATHESON Seconded by Comrade MARY MACDONALD
 Branch President Gordon MacDonald Branch Secretary KIM THOMAS
 Zone Commander J. D. ... District Commander _____
 NS/NU Command Resolution Chairperson _____ Date _____

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NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND
RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM

BRANCH #: 098 BRANCH NAME: Alvin H. Foster MM Memorial

The following format **IS THE ONLY ONE TO BE USED** by all Branches when submitting Resolutions to Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command for Provincial or Dominion Conventions. All resolutions must be signed by the Branch President, Secretary and the Zone Commander.

Whereas: Article IV Districts and Zones, Paragraphs 406A and 406B make an exception for Cape Breton District A; and

Whereas: this entitles all branches in Cape Breton District A to more than two votes; and

Whereas: all other branches in Nova Scotia are limited to two votes per branch

Therefore be it resolved: To remove Cape Breton District A from the exemption provided in Article IV, Paragraphs 406A and 406B;

be it further resolved: That Article IV Districts and Zones, Paragraphs 406A and 406B, be amended to read:

Article IV - DISTRICTS AND ZONES

406 A Each Branch in a District and Zone, with the exception of Nunavut District G shall be entitled to two (2) voting delegates at a District/Zone meeting or election. Each such delegate must be a member in good standing of the Branch he represents.

406 B Each Branch in Nunavut District G shall be entitled to voting delegates at a district meeting based on the following formula.

(NOTE: IF MORE ROOM IS REQUIRED, PLEASE USE THE BACK OR ATTACH ANOTHER SHEET.)

The above Resolution was approved at the Branch General Meeting held: January 23, 2017

It was Moved by Comrade _____ Seconded by Comrade _____

Branch President [Signature] Branch Secretary [Signature]

Zone Commander [Signature] District Commander [Signature]

NS/NU Command Resolution Chairperson _____ Date _____

NS/NUC 02

I will refer to the Resolutions as they were received from the Branch's:

1 This Resolution makes reference to unintentional desecration of the National Flag of Canada by Royal Canadian Legion Members and Branches, signing their names to it in support of a worthy cause. Therefore NS/NU command direct all Royal Canadian Legions that no branch shall initiate, encourage or participate in any event that involves the signing of or desecration of the National Flag of Canada.

Therefore, this Resolution is concurred

2 This Resolution is requesting that the Royal Canadian Legion urge the Department of National Defense, the Canadian Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Canada to work with Rideau Hall in creating a bar for the SSM (Canadian Forces Special Service Medal) for those members that supported and conducted operations with NORAD (North America Aerospace Defense Command), SOSUS (Sound Surveillance Systems) and Communications Research Units. As with all medals and awards this will have to be brought up to the Chancellery of Honours, which administers the Canadian Honours System. Medals and Bars recognize general service and are often presented to those who participate with distinction. Granting honours is a gracious, tangible and lasting way to pay tribute to people whose achievements are exceptional.

Therefore, this Resolution is Concurred

3 This Resolution requests the use of Poppy Funds under the "Special Use" to support Nova Scotia RCMP Cadet organization such as Stetsons and Spurs Cadets, a National Cadet league. This RCMP program is only available in 3 areas of Nova Scotia. This organization does not have a national feel to it and as such doesn't have a national training program. RCMP Stetsons and Spurs and is run by various RCMP detachment volunteers across the country and each detachment uses its own training program. It was started in the north in isolated communities for Aboriginal and Inuit kids and has since moved into more communities across certain provinces. The committee supports this resolution.

Therefore, This Resolution is Concurred

4 This Resolutions refers to the Royal Canadian Legion developing an alternative or variant to the current legion dress that can be more attractive to younger persons. The current uniform should not and is not a deterrent for younger members from joining the Royal Canadian Legion, also it is not a compulsory requirement to purchase one. We are not sure why the current uniform cannot be worn with pride. The distinctive "Blue and Gray" uniform is a symbol of the Royal Canadian Legion and has been for the past 90 years. As the Resolution states a survey was conducted, a few questions have to be asked : (1) How informal was the survey ? (2) How big of an area did it encompass? (3) What was the demographic audience that was surveyed ? . This is the second time a resolution like this "Changing the Legion Dress" has been brought up in the past 2 years.

Therefore, This Resolution is non - Concurred

5&6 These next two (2) Resolutions request has to do with the withdrawal of financial support for the NS/NU Command Leadership Training Camp and NS/NU Command Track and Field Program. Although different resolutions, both have the same "WhereAs" so we will go with that. The first two (2) WhereAs's talk about the Purposes and Objects of the Legion, not only do we support our Veterans and their families, BUT we also support our Communities. When you look at the General By-Laws pages v and vi, the Purposes and Objects, go to paragraph "w " which states to engage only in activities which will be to the credit and benefit of the Canadian Community and which will encourage and promote the positive reputation of the Legion. Then read the Royal Canadian Legion's Mission Statement which says, Our mission is to serve Veterans, which includes serving Military and RCMP members and their families, to promote remembrance and to serve our Communities and our Country. The problem is funding, both of these two(2) programs need to become more self supporting. The committee believes in both of these programs and therefore do not support these two (2) Resolutions.

Therefore, This Resolution is Non - Concurred

7 This Resolution deals with Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command asking Dominion Command to petition Veterans Affairs Canada to replace the Command Service Officers with fully trained government employees nationwide. First off, there must be a regulation in Royal Canadian Legion that would allow government employees to the Command Service Officers job and /or opening up our organization to the government. It might be just a technicality as we deal with VAC anyway. DC could petition VAC, even if it was just to have them at the various Commands to speed up veterans files. We could ask DC to sit down with VAC and discuss the possibility or we could petition the VAC. The point being is WHY would Veterans Affairs Canada spend money on salaries when Command Service Officers are doing the work for them.

Therefore, This Resolution is Concurred

#8 This Resolution has to do with the 10% assessment placed on the Poppy Trust Fund. The Command Service Officer's work load is such that two (2)full time paid Service Officers are required. We believe our Command is the second or third busiest in the country, where as many branches in the NS/NU Command are still going to the Command Service Officer's for help/advice. As the Veterans Affairs Offices are open now, they are still under staffed (Sydney) and the work load is such that the Service Officers help with the prep work before it reaches the VAC office. Finally the Poppy Manual has been changed to allow branches to request special use expenditures throughout the year not just after September 30th giving branches ample time to utilize the funds.

Therefore, This Resolution is Non - Concurred

#9 This Resolutions has to deal with voting delegates in Cape Breton District A. The committee doesn't understand why it matters how District A conducts it meetings. Some branches mention it is to make all branches in the Command the same, as we know District meeting in some areas of the mainland, don't work because they don't meet the required quorum. It appears that Zone meetings seem to work better in some areas of the above said location. In Cape Breton District A, they don't have Zone monthly meetings, but instead have successful and productive monthly District meeting attended by approx 85% of the 23 branches depending on the location of the meeting. Using District A numbers does not affect the remainder of the province and the way they conduct business.

>The Resolution Committee refers to the NS/NU by-law 406B which states that each Branch in Cape Breton District A and Nunavut District G shall be entitled to voting delegates at a District meeting based on the following formula in Article IV -District and Zone Meetings, Article 406 Para B Subpara's a,b,c, and d

Therefore, This Resolution is Non - Concurred

SPORTS

Darts:

The 2017 NS/NU Command Legion Dart tournament is being hosted by Colchester Br# 026, Truro on March 11 / 12, 2017.

The 2017 Provincial winners will represent NS/NU Command at the Dominion Command Legion Nationals being held at Brooks AB at Brooks Legion Br# 063 on May 5-8, 2017.

Cribbage: Coordinator, Murray Dawson

The 2017 NS/NU Command Legion Cribbage tournament is being hosted by Middleton Br# 001, Middleton on March 04 / 2017. Any team wishing to host the 2018 NS/NU Command Provincial Cribbage tournament must submit a letter to the cribbage coordinator to be considered at the 2017 cribbage meeting.

Comrade Murray Dawson has informed Command that this will be his last year as cribbage coordinator. Comrade Murray has been chairman for eight (8) years. Murray and his team from the Colchester Legion Br# 026 Truro have always done a great job and their efforts are much appreciated by all cribbage players and our Provincial Command.

The 2017 Provincial Cribbage winners will represent NS/NU Command at the Dominion Command Cribbage Nationals to be held at Branch # 043, Winnipeg, Manitoba on April 28- May 01, 2017.

8-Ball: Coordinator, Andy Vachon

The 2016 NS/NU Command 8-Ball tournament was hosted by Bridgewater Br# 024. The winners of the tournament was Bridgewater Br# 024 represented by Chess Harlow, Andy Vachon, Loran Myers and Bill Peck. The runners up were from

Centennial Legion Br# 160 and represented by Bob Massia, Scott Elliott, Harry O'Donnell and Mike Rice. The singles winner from Iqaliut Br# 168, Nunavut was Paul Gordon. I wish to thank Comrade Andy Vachon for taking on the position of 8-Ball Coordinator. Andy and his team did a super job in running the tournament.

The 2017 NS/NU Command Legion 8-Ball tournament is being hosted by Bridgewater Br# 024, Bridgewater on March 04-05, 2017. The 2017 Provincial 8-ball winners will represent NS/NU Command at the Dominion Command 8-Ball Nationals to be held at Sturgeon Falls Br# 225, Sturgeon Falls, Ontario on May 26 – 29, 2017.

Track & Field : Coordinator, Robert Hoeg

The 2016 NS/NU Command Legion Track/ Field team of 38 athletes and 8 support staff, travelled by bus to Legion Nationals in Quebec in August. The team were great ambassadors for our Province and did well in the completion. The team had one gold, three silver and five bronze medals against the best youth and midget athletes in the country. There were twenty three personal best performances and three Provincial records. I thank Command staff, President Steve Wessel, Athletics NS and head coach Jonathan Doucette for their help and support through 2016 track / field season.

The 2017 NS/NU Command Legion Track / Field committee will be meeting with Athletics Nova Scotia in the near future to prepare for the upcoming season. The Memorandum of Agreement that was signed in 2016 between NS/NU Command and Athletics NS has better outlined the different responsibilities of all concerned. The 2017 Dominion Command Track & Field Nationals will be held in early August, in Brandon, Manitoba for the next two years.

Audit completed 8 Dec. 2016.

Some items have been moved between areas.

The following items could not be located: Ramps Metal Qty. 2, 10-49 – 1, 10-49 – 2.

Recommended the following be DELETED from inventory:

1. MP Recorder 6-10
2. Television Set and VCR 8-07
3. Dictation system



Dave Blanchard



Jean Marie Deveaux

VETERAN SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 25 FEB 2017

Volume 12 has generated considerable income for our Command. To date, it has generated revenue in excess of \$90,000.00 and with yearly expenses at only \$3000.00 to \$4000.00 to account for shipping charges, the revenue received by this Command has helped support many youth programs over the years, especially our Leadership Camp and Track & Field program, and has allowed us to invest in our Veteran's health and welfare through our Veteran Outreach Program and its associated programs.

In order to maintain our quota for this last edition we have had to re-print some bio's from previous books. It will be impossible for us to continue this practice of re-cycling and therefore, as Editor, I will be making major design changes to the content of our books starting this year.

The biographies for each Veteran will be much longer and additional information will be included regarding our Command programs, as well as stories surrounding the many heroes who have served this country in uniform.

There are new ideas to look forward to in 2017, and I look forward to receiving even more submissions from all areas of this Command over the coming months. With regards to the 2017 edition, our 13th – the telephone campaign has begun and **the deadline for submissions is 31 August 2017.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Wessel
Project Chairman / Editor.

VETERAN SERVICES & SENIORS COMMITTEE

Ex Council FEB /2017

The Veterans Service Organization held its last meeting At Command on October 6, 2016. The Committee started out with 13 groups and at its closing there were only 6 groups represented

Royal Canadian Air Force Association of Canada, A.N.A.F- Veterans in Canada, Merchant Navy Veterans, Nursing Sisters Association, RCL & RCJ. Branch 98, and Veterans Affairs Canada

All monies remaining were distributed to Veteran Units in need of equipment.

Group of IX meets on a regular basis with the Provincial Government departments In regard to seniors, Health and Community Services.

Camp Hill Hospital

A Committee was formed to attend the Bi – weekly Veterans meetings at Camp Hill in the fall of last year , consisting of Richard Malin Deputy Zone 15 Commander, Neil Landry and John Bowser from Fairview Legion.

We also attend the Veteran Memorial services each month and any other service Of Remembrance .

Branches in the Vicinity visit the Veterans at Camp Hill on a regular basis, providing Comradeship and news of the Branch – some Branches continue to keep up the Veterans Membership, which gives the Veteran a sense of belonging.

The Veterans and their caregivers continue to go to the Branches on their outings and the numbers in attendance depend on their health & weather on that particular day.

They thoroughly enjoy their outings and the visits from the Branches to Camp hill.

And for the first time in awhile, there is a waiting list for Theatre Veterans.

Veterans are entering Camp Hill in their late 80's and early 90's and along with their families are grateful for the Excellent care they get from the staff

This year is the 100th anniversary of the Camp hill Hospital and plans are under way to Have a special celebration in Sept.

This is also the 100th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion and Camp Hill Played a major role in supplying support.

It is also the 70th anniversary of the Walter Callow Bus

Thank you to the Committee members for all you do for the Veterans.

Respectfully submitted

Rita Connors

District "F" Commander

VETERAN OUTREACH PROGRAM REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 25 FEB 2017

Our Veterans Outreach Program (VOP) initiatives are constantly in flux, constantly evolving, in order to remain relevant with those we serve.

One aspect that never seems to change is the immediate and urgent financial requirement of the many Veterans who are currently waiting on receipt of their benefits and pensions through VAC and DND. These requests for Legion assistance are of vital importance to these families as we have seen the wait time for earnings lost benefits, pensions and disability claims stretching into months rather than the weeks committed to by the government of Canada.

As a result, these emergency requests have placed a constant strain on our Command Benevolent Fund which is currently showing a deficit.

NS/NU Command's relationship with Paws Fur Thought (PFT), our PTSD service dog program, continues to move forward with approximately 80 dogs and handlers to date matched as teams.

The present focus of our Porchlight group is directed toward ways by which Porchlight might coincide with the newly created Operational Stress Injury Section (Legion OSI) which was stood up during the 2016 dominion convention in St. John's NL.

We have appointed Porchlight member, Comrade Rollie Lawless, as our Command representative to the Legion OSI. His responsibilities will include interfacing all Legion OSI initiatives with the NS/NU Command Executive Council through the Command President and Executive Director.

On 20 March 2017, Calais Br. #162 in Lower Sackville will host the "Housing First for Veterans" workshop. This one day workshop co-sponsored by NS/NU Command was delivered by Dr. Cheryl Forchuk, a leader in the field of Veteran homelessness. The objectives of the workshop are to share lessons learned and exchange ideas and strategies in order to build a local network for a housing first model.

The 2016 "Military Family Mental Health/Operational Stress Injury Support Peer Retreat", sponsored by NS/NU Command, was an outstanding success and allowed adult family members of ill and injured C.F. serving personnel and Veterans from across Nova Scotia to reduce the impact of their isolation and help remove the stigma and self-stigma of mental health injuries. We have received a request for assistance in supporting the 2017 retreat which I will discuss with you at Council.

Another initiative that has been introduced through our Porchlight group is the proposed Veterans Walk-in Clinic at Camp Hill Memorial Hospital. Although the clinic is in its early stages of development, great strides have been made in raising the awareness of the provincial and federal governments to the necessity of making this clinic a reality.

Comrades, these programs provide vital relevancy of The R.C.L. with our veterans, but, in order to keep moving forward, this Command needs the assistance of our branches to help in their continuance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Wessel
VOP Chairman