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To: NS/NU Command Branches
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NS/NU Past Presidents
NS/NU Command Staff

From: Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte
Secretary/Executive Director
NS/NU Command, RCL

Subject: Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command 53rd Biennial
Convention Committee Reports and
Resolutions

Message: Comrades: please see attached



Committee Reports *and* Resolutions

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
53rd Biennial Convention
Bridgewater, Nova Scotia
May 20—22, 2017



Name _____

Branch _____

NOTES FOR DELEGATES

1. Procedures

Please do not delay proceedings by:

- A. Speaking in favor of resolutions which have been concurred by a Convention Committee
- B. Bringing personal problems to the floor
- C. Irresponsible use of "Point of Privilege" and "Point of Order" procedures
- D. Prolonging unnecessary debate on any subject

2. Seating

Properly registered Voting Delegates, please be seated in area for Voting Delegates. We welcome our Observers and ask that they be seated in the Section set aside for Observers.

3. Nominations for Command Officers

Nominations of Command Officers will take place on Sunday and Nominations will again be called for on Monday prior to final Election, which will take place on Monday.

No person may be nominated unless he/she is present and accepts the nomination or has signified his/her intention in writing.

Nominations will be declared open for the next Office after each Office has been filled.

Nominations will be posted in the order received.

4. Balloting

Ballot books issued to you at registration are for your own use. They are not transferrable and, **if lost, cannot be replaced.**

The number of ballots cast will be verified against the report of the Credentials Committee. The vote will be counted in a room separate from the Convention Hall. The Chief Scrutineer will report the result to the Election Chairman who will advise the Convention. Only one Office will be balloted on at a time.

5. Convention Book

Please ensure that your convention book is readily identifiable with your name and branch clearly visible. Its security is your personal responsibility.

Thank you for your co-operation.

In Memoriam

2015 – 2017



George AuCoin - 2015

Past President
Past 1st Vice President
Past 2nd Vice President
Past Zone 3 Commander
Past Zone 16 Commander

Myles L. Rushton – 2016

Past Chairman
Past Vice Chairman
Past Zone 10 Commander

Remi Saulnier – 2016

Past Deputy Zone 11 Commander

Les Nash – 2016

Past President
Past 1st Vice President
Past 2nd Vice President
Past Vice Chairman
Past Zone 7 Commander

Carol R. Sabeau - 2016

Past District D Commander
Past Zone 11 Commander

Patrick G. Watkins – 2016

Past Dominion Chairman
Past Chairman
Past Zone 7 Commander

Fred E. Mombourquette – 2016

Past Honourary President
Past President
Past 1st Vice President
Past 2nd Vice President
Past Vice Chairman
Past Zone 6 Commander

Jean Marie Deveaux – 2017

Past President
Past 1st Vice President
Past 2nd Vice President
Past Zone 3 Commander

*“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn;
At the going down of the sun and in the morning;
We will remember them.”*

PAST PRESIDENTS

Nova Scotia Command

- 1926 Major General G.L. Foster
- 1928 J.S. Roper, M.C.
- 1930 Reverend G.W. Bullock
- 1932 Dr. Vincent F. Clifford
- 1934 Barry W. Roscoe, D.S.C.
- 1937 James Guest
- 1939 E.C. Dexter, M.M.
- 1941 J.J. MacIntosh
- 1946 Dr. C.B. Lumsden, M.M.
- 1948 F.J. Stevenson
- 1949 John H. Henderson
- 1951 T.J. Currie
- 1952 Reverend Ralph Fowlow
- 1953 Vincent A. Morrison
- 1955 Fred G.S. Fox
- 1957 T.R. Young
- 1961 C.A. Doane
- 1963 E.W. Outhouse
- 1965 John W. Tattrie
- 1967 John V. Brown
- 1969 Ronald G. Bedgood
- 1971 W.H. MacLellan
- 1973 William Dudka
- 1975 John F. MacDonald
- 1977 John J. Jones
- 1979 Arthur Clarke
- 1981 Ted Martens
- 1983 Otto Feener
- 1985 Ken J. Brown
- 1987 Robert Haley
- 1989 Gerald Cunningham
- 1991 Robie Horne
- 1993 Wilfred Edmond
- 1995 Fred Keillor
- 1997 John Landsburg

PAST PRESIDENTS

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command

- 1999 Clarence E. Dawe
- 2001 Fred Mombourquette
- 2003 Victor Barnes
- 2005 George AuCoin
- 2007 David Blanchard
- 2009 Leslie Nash
- 2011  Jean Marie Deveaux

LOYALTY RESOLUTION

May 2017



Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command of
The Royal Canadian Legion assembled in the
Town of Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, respectfully
desires to convey to Her Majesty the Queen this
expression of Loyalty and Allegiance:

We pray that your gracious Majesty may long be
spared to guide the destinies of the Great British
Commonwealth of Nations.

AGENDA

SATURDAY, 20 MAY 2017	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
	9:00 AM – 12 NOON	REGISTRATION
	1:30 PM – 4:30 PM	REGISTRATION
	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	TRAINING SESSIONS
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SUNDAY, 21 MAY 2017	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	REGISTRATION
	8:45 AM	PARADE ASSEMBLY
	8:55 AM	PARADE MOVES TO CENOTAPH
	9:00 AM	WREATH LAYING CEREMONY
	10:30 AM	OFFICIAL OPENING ASSEMBLY
	10:45 AM	OPENING CEREMONY
	12:00 NOON	LUNCH BREAK
	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	REGISTRATION (CLOSES AT 4:00 PM)
	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION: CREDENTIAL REPORT NS/NU COMMAND PRESIDENT REPORT INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS REPORTS
	2:30 PM	NOMINATION OF OFFICERS REPORTS
	3:20 PM	ADDRESS BY BRUCE JULIAN, DOMINION VICE PRESIDENT, THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
4:00 PM	CONVENTION PHOTO	
4:15 PM	DISTRICT CAUCUS MEETINGS	
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MONDAY, 22 MAY 2017	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	BUSINESS SESSION: MOTION TO CLOSE REGISTRATION FINAL CREDENTIAL REPORT REPORTS NOMINATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS
	12:00 – 12:50 PM	LUNCH BREAK
	12:50 – 4:00 PM	RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT REPORTS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS NS/NU COMMAND PRIZE DRAW CLOSING CEREMONY
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TUESDAY, 23 MAY 2017	10:00 AM	EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND
53rd BIENNIAL CONVENTION**

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COMMAND PRESIDENT

Comrades, welcome to the 53rd Biennial convention of Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command, of The R.C.L., here in beautiful Bridgewater, N.S. As the Legion celebrates our 91st year of service to our Veterans and their families, Canada will celebrate its 150th anniversary as a nation this July. I look forward to the many celebrations and activities that will take place in, and around, the 103 branches of NS/NUC to recognize this 150th milestone event.

I would like to recognize the effort all of you have made to be here at this convention, and congratulate you for your commitment and dedication to the Legion by representing your branches here as delegates. The Local Arrangements Committee for this convention, under the stewardship of Comrade Sam Collicutt, has done a superb job in preparing for this event and I encourage you all to share the hospitality of our host branch while you are here in Bridgewater.

Comrades, the last 2 years as NS/NU Command President have proven to be some of the busiest and most challenging times of my Legion career, but also, exciting and fulfilling at the same time. I thank you, the members of NS/NU Command, for giving me the opportunity and the honor to serve as your Command President.

FINANCE:

Over the past 5 years, and especially during the last 2 Command conventions, the finances of this Command have come under a great deal of scrutiny. As a Command we have achieved many of our financial goals, brought about through well thought out Executive Council decisions and through intelligently presented and well considered convention resolutions. The result of this due diligence has resulted in a financial surplus for our Command over the past 3 audited years. Our Finance Chairman has also presented a balanced budget to Executive Council for the year 2017.

These achievements may not resonate with some of you as being anything other than expected business practices, however, please consider that NS/NU Command is the only Command east of Ontario who has been able to achieve these surpluses in the last few years.

MEMBERSHIP:

With much of our attention focused on finances and the actual survivability of our branches, some of you have asked – Can we really afford to split our focus and dedicate even more volunteer hours to the constant and seemingly unsolvable problem of declining membership? The answer to that question will always be, YES!

But we must use our precious volunteer hours intelligently and to our best advantage, we obviously must continue to bring in new members – that's the easy part, the hard part that we seem to be almost completely ignoring is the retention and renewal of the members we already have in our Legion branches. In order to retain the members we work so hard to obtain, we must begin by making them feel welcome in our branches; we must begin to foster an environment of "Hospitality" within our Legion branches.

Once these new members feel welcome and wanted, the renewal part of the membership equation should take care of itself.

2 years ago I told you all that we would work hard to curb the decreases in our membership base. At this time I would like to congratulate our Command membership Chairman and his committee for their concerted and well organized efforts in making our branches, zones and districts cognizant of not only their current membership statistics, but also of their responsibilities towards the retention and renewal of our existing membership base.

PROGRAMS:

During our last convention in Truro, I promised you that we would continue our Command's support of our youth programs, such as our Leadership Camp and our Track and Field program. The committee

chairs responsible for these programs have worked hard to increase revenues as well as reduce their expenses. The facts are irrefutable Comrades, even with the inclusion of these programs in our budget; our Command continues to show a financial surplus.

Our Command Lotto program had a nearly break-even year in 2016. Not what Executive Council had planned for, nor expected, however, our Lotto Chairman and her committee have introduced a new lotto plan for 2017. I am asking the members of NS/NUC to get behind this new Lotto and support it by buying your tickets when you receive them in the mail.

Our Veterans Outreach Program has become an even more diverse program during the past 2 years. In addition to the continued and ongoing support of our regular programs, we have added our support to the newly instituted Operational Stress Injury Support Section (Legion OSI) at Dominion Command by naming a NS/NUC representative. This will be an appointed position and the individual will be our Command's liaison on the Legion OSI Executive Council. We have also offered Command's full support to the implementation of the proposed Veteran's Walk-in Clinic at the Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Building. The sum total of NS/NUC's commitment to our Veterans Outreach Program initiatives has definitely increased the Legion's relevancy within the Canadian Forces community and our Veteran community.

EVENTS:

As your Command President I was more than honored to represent Executive Council over the past 2 years at the many branch functions and events I attended from Sydney, to Yarmouth, to Iqaluit in Nunavut. I was also honored to represent NS/NU Command as your representative on Dominion Executive Council.

As a Command we should be proud of our many accomplishments, yet on the flip side of that coin, we should not shy away from the few things that didn't go quite as well as we had hoped.

- NS/NU Command was proud to sponsor, and then help dedicate, the 3rd Book of Remembrance in October 2015. The third Book of Remembrance commemorates the members of Canada's Armed Forces from Halifax Regional Municipality who lost their lives while in service to Canada since 1953. All 3 of these books can be viewed at the Halifax public library.
- In May 2016 NS/NU Command received an invitation to attend and address the 70th reunion of War Brides held in Halifax. I was more than happy to fulfill this request as my Aunt was a War Bride who came to Canada in 1946.
- In October 2016 the Royal Canadian Mint introduced a new \$2 coin in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic. The Canadian un-veiling of the coin took place on board the last Canadian Corvette, HMCS Sackville, which is moored in Halifax harbour, and I was truly honored to receive an invitation to speak on behalf of all N.S. Veterans at that ceremony.
- It was unfortunate that the elected Command Treasurer was, for many reasons, unable to fulfill the responsibilities of her position this past term. However, Executive Council managed to cope with this unexpected vacancy on Executive Council with thanks to our 2nd Vice President, Comrade Jay Tofflemire, who covered most of the Treasurer's responsibilities.
- Executive Council also had to deal with the resignation of not one, but 2, District Commanders in District B during this past term. The situation in this District has become extreme and there is a dire need for someone to step up in that District and assume a leadership role on behalf of these 13 branches.
- Our greatest loss over these past 2 years has been of course the passing of Command Past Presidents, Comrade George Aucoin, Comrade Les Nash, Comrade Jean Marie Deveau and Command Past President and Honorary President Comrade Fred Mombourquette. Their contributions and dedication to this Command and to The R.C.L. were respected by us all and, We will remember them!
- The entire Command watched with excitement at the good fortune of branch 132 in Inverness, branch 138 in Sydney and branch 66 in West Pubnico as these branches and the surrounding communities celebrated the great success of their Chase the Ace games.

- Our sports committee Chair, and myself, were able to negotiate and sign a new Memorandum of Understanding with Athletics Nova Scotia regarding their participation in our N.S. Legion Track & Field team and our representation and participation at the Legion National Championships. We are happy to have this relationship restored as we move towards the Legion National T&F Championships in Sydney in 2019 & 2020.
- We had great hopes last fall for the start-up of a new branch in NS/NU Command through our V.O.P. Veteran peer support group, Porch Light. The Veterans involved remain optimistic that this branch will stand up in the future. For now, we will be patient.
- In November 2016 it was a pleasure to be at Command headquarters with dozens of Veterans and their motorcycles for the announcement of the new N.S. Veterans motorcycle plate. This new plate will be available for the road in April and will be a fine addition to Canada's 1st Veteran license plate.

CONCLUSION:

Comrades, as I stated at the beginning of my report, my 2 years as your Command President have been the busiest, most rewarding, and yet sometimes the most frustrating and maddening time of my Legion career. It was 2 years that went by in a flash. As my term of office comes to its inevitable end, and I turn the responsibilities of this Command over to my successor, I cannot leave without extending my thanks to some special people.

I want to say thank you to my branch, Centennial branch #160, for understanding that I couldn't offer my full attention to the branch during these past many years of service on NS/NU Command Executive Council. I extend my thanks to the members of my Command Executive Council who shared my vision and served this Command so well during these past 2 years. I wish them all every success in their continued journey within The R.C.L.

I have the greatest of respect for all of the previous Executive Council members and Senior Elected Officers I have served with during my past 20 years serving on Council. I learned something from all of them and I thank them for their comradeship and especially for their mentorship.

Although we have had a few changes in our staff positions during these past 2 years, our core staff members are dedicated and loyal to our Command and to The R.C.L., and I thank them for everything they did to make my job easier.

My sincere appreciation goes out to Comrade Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte, our Executive Director. Your professional attitude towards the daily operation and organization of our Command office, and your absolute dedication to the Veterans we encounter, both through your Legion position and through your private life, is above reproach. You have met the challenges placed before you and have helped create many new opportunities for our ill and injured Veterans and their families. I thank you on their behalf.

Last, and most importantly, I want to thank my family for their unwavering support and their understanding. To my wife Marsha, we have lived this Legion life together for much more than half of our 42 years of married life now, and I thank you for giving me your support through this adventure.

Comrades, I promised all of you that during my term of office as Command President that I would dedicate myself to ensuring that The R.C.L. in Nova Scotia remained a vital, integral component in the support structure of our Veterans and their families. I am honored that you gave me the opportunity to serve in this position and I'm comfortable with what we have achieved.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Steve Wessel
 NS/NU Command President.

COMMAND SECRETARY/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The staff of Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command continues to work, at the direction of NS/NU Command President, in support of the initiatives and business of Executive Officers, Committee Chairmen and Branches within our respective purviews.

Our work remains challenging and rewarding as we work through ever shifting priorities in meeting goals and objectives.

The staff would like to extend great thanks to NS/NU Command Executive Council for their leadership and dedication over the past term of office.

On behalf of Administrative Assistant Colleen Longmire, Clerk Pat Watson, Book-keeper Ken Guitard, Service Officers Ken George and Stephen Tedford, I extend best wishes as you carefully and considerately deliberate the business before you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte

Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte
Command Secretary/Executive Director

SERVICE BUREAU

Our bureau conducted a condensed on the job training session from 5-9 Dec 2016 for the two new Command Service Officers. At that time, they were given the responsibility of registering new clients and processing priority files for Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC). All responsibilities for VAC reviews and appeals were shifted to Dominion Command Service Officers until approximately 31 Mar 2017. Also at that time, we were given the responsibility of processing Poppy Fund, Benevolent Fund and RCNBF applications.

- As of 5 Dec 2016, 189 of our VAC cases were temporarily distributed to Dominion Command Service Officers.
- As of 5 Dec 2016, our bureau was assigned 41 priority VAC cases which needed immediate attention and are still being processed.
- As of 18 Jan 2017, our bureau was assigned additional priority VAC cases to total 49, which are still being processed.
- As of 15 Feb 2017, our bureau is responsible for 112 VAC cases.
- As of 15 Feb, 25 new VAC applications have been registered, which is approximately 3 new cases per week. Based on these early figures there would be approximately 145 new cases for 2017.

*These cases are related to disability applications for VAC, not other Service Bureau activities such as Poppy Fund, Benevolent Fund or RCNBF applications which historically make up almost 25 percent of our activities.

Our bureau Service Officers gave a presentation to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs on 21 Feb 2017. They will conduct formal training at Dominion Command from 7-9 Mar 2017, attend the Eastern Regional Service Officer Conference from 14-15 Jun 2017 and intend to conduct Branch Service Officer training in Jun 2017. With the assistance of the very dedicated Dominion Command Service Bureau we are learning and improving our procedures to enhance service to veterans and support our Command.

On behalf of the Command Service Bureau, thanks to all the Branch Service Officers, Branch Executive and members for their dedication and determination. Also, to the Command Executive for their unwavering support. The work of the Service Bureau would not be accomplished without all your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken George
Stephen Tedford
Command Service Officers
NS/NU Command

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.

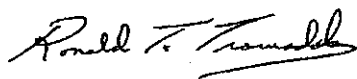
One appeal was returned and the decision of the Branch was upheld, the penalty varied as per GBL Article III 314 j,2.

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

BENEVOLENT FUND COMMITTEE

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

BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Bursary and Scholarship Committee met on April 30, 2016 at the headquarters in Halifax. In attendance were Secretary Adam Martin, member Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte and Chair Ted Martens.

There was a total of 262 applications reviewed as follows:

NS/NU/Jack Moore/Trust 1 bursaries	111 applicants
Elsie Jean Lambert Memorial Scholarship	115 applicants
Wales Scholarship	36 applicants

Of the total applicants 51 winners were selected as follows:

NS/NU/Jack Moore	28 awarded
Trust 1 Bursary	10 awarded
Elsie Jean Lambert Memorial Scholarship	10 awarded
Wales Scholarship	3 awarded

One alternate winner was chosen for each category.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Adam and Valerie for the sterling job they did in identifying the eligibility of the various applicants according to the set priorities. This made the final selections much easier.

Respectfully Submitted
T.J. Martens
Committee Chair

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Since our last convention in 2015, the by-laws committee has met six (6) times between September 2015 and February 2017.

18 September 2015.....1 District/Zone submitted By-Law reviews.
25 September 2015.....10 Branches submitted By-Law reviews.
22 January 2016.....6 Branches submitted By-Law reviews.
22 April 2016.....11 Branches submitted By-Law reviews.
9 September 2016.....9 Branches submitted By-Law reviews.
10 February 2017.....12 Branches submitted By-Law reviews.

During the past two (2) years NS/NU command by-laws were reviewed by the committee and the proposed amendments are attached to this report.

It should also be noted that during the past two (2) years, our command policy and procedures book was amended and these amendments were presented to executive council and approved. The above-approved amendments have been presented to the branches through the executive council minutes and are available from the command website.

I would like to thank the members of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Comrade Karen Lynch, Comrade Jay Tofflemire, as well as secretary Colleen Longmire for their hard work and dedication over the past two (2) years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mel Crowe, Chairman

**Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
PROPOSED NEW/AMENDMENT BY-LAW CHANGES
Convention 2017**

EXISTING BY-LAW

PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT

Article # 103

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Holding of Property

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NS/NU Command shall be in accordance with Article I, Section 120 of the General By-Laws of The Royal Canadian Legion.

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NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe

Approved – Executive Council Meeting, September 26, 2015

EXISTING BY-LAW

PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT

Article # 302

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Each Branch within the Command shall be entitled to send to a Command Convention as representing its members, one (1) delegate for the first fifty (50) Ordinary, Life, Associate and Affiliate Voting members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate for each additional one hundred (100) members or fraction thereof.

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B Members of the Command Executive Council, who are not accredited Branch delegates, shall be accredited delegates of **NS/NU** Command to the Command Convention.

C Members of the Command Executive Council, who are not accredited Branch delegates, shall be accredited delegates of Command to the Command Convention.

C Past Presidents of **NS/NU** Command shall be voting delegates of the Command when attending a Command Convention but shall not be compensated for expenses incurred as per Article 814 A.

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D I All proxy votes from Branches are to remain within their respective Districts/Zones.

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II Any proxy votes that cannot be distributed in their respective District/Zone shall be distributed

to the Command Delegates by the respective District/Zone Commander and the Secretary.	<i>F</i> Any proxy votes that cannot be distributed in their respective District/Zone shall be distributed to the Command Delegates by the respective District/Zone Commander and the Secretary.
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NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe
Approved – Executive Council Meeting, September 26, 2015

EXISTING BY-LAW	PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT
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NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe
Approved – Executive Council Meeting, September 26, 2015

EXISTING BY-LAW	PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT
<p>Article # 330</p> <p>A NS/NU Command notice shall be provided in an All Branch Mailout issued not more than 90 days and not less than 21 days before the annual meeting.</p> <p>The notice shall specify:</p> <p>The Executive Council of NS/NU Command hereby gives notice of an Annual General Meeting of the Command which will take place at (time), (date), (location).</p> <p>Agenda for the meeting:</p> <p>A Presentation of the audited financial statements.</p> <p>B Approval of the auditors for (years).</p> <p>This meeting is being held to fulfill the requirements of the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. Members wishing to make comment or raise questions on these two items may do so by written submission to NS/NU Command, 61 Gloria McCluskey Avenue, Dartmouth, NS, B3B-2Z3 to be received no later than (date 14 days prior to the meeting).</p> <p>Documentation pertaining to the annual meeting shall be made available on the NS/NU</p>	<p>Article # 330</p> <p>A A Command notice shall be provided in an All Branch Mail Out issued not more than 90 days and not less than 21 days before the annual meeting.</p> <p>IThe notice shall specify: "The Executive Council of Command hereby gives notice of an Annual General Meeting of the Command which will take place at (time), (date), (location)."</p> <p>II Agenda for the meeting:</p> <p>a) Presentation of the audited financial statements; <i>and</i></p> <p>b) Approval of the auditors for (years).</p> <p>B This meeting is being held to fulfill the requirements of the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. Members wishing to make comment or raise questions on these two items may do so by written submission to Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command, 61 Gloria McCluskey Avenue, Dartmouth, NS, B3B-2Z3 to be received no later than (date 14 days prior to the meeting).</p> <p>C Documentation pertaining to the annual meeting shall be made available on the Command website at www.legion.ns.ca at least</p>

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NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe
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EXISTING BY-LAW	PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT
<p>Article # 331</p> <p>Members may make submissions on the agenda items in writing to NS/NU Command which will be considered at the meeting if received at least 14 days prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>Article # 331</p> <p>Members may make submissions on the agenda items in writing to Command which will be considered at the meeting if received at least 14 days prior to the meeting.</p>

NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe
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EXISTING BY-LAW	PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT
<p>Article # 406</p> <p>B 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Three (3) delegates for one hundred (100) members or less. b) Four (4) delegates from one hundred and one (101) to one hundred and fifty (150) members. c) Five (5) delegates from one hundred and fifty one (151) to two hundred (200) members. d) Six (6) delegates for two hundred and one (201) or more members with a maximum to be six delegates. <p>Each such delegate must be a member in good standing of the Branch he represents.</p>	<p>Article # 406</p> <p>B 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I Three (3) delegates for one hundred (100) members or less; II Four (4) delegates from one hundred and one (101) to one hundred and fifty (150) members; III Five (5) delegates from one hundred and fifty one (151) to two hundred (200) members; and IV Six (6) delegates for two hundred and one (201) or more members with a maximum to be six delegates. <p>C Each such delegate must be a member in good standing of the Branch he represents.</p>

NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe
Approved – Executive Council Meeting, September 26, 2015

EXISTING BY-LAW**PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT****Article # 409**

B A quorum for any Zone meeting shall be the majority of **duly elected/appointed delegates for the meeting.**

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NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe

Approved – Executive Council Meeting, September 26, 2015

EXISTING BY-LAW**PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT****Article # 410**

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NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe

Approved – Executive Council Meeting, September 26, 2015

EXISTING BY-LAW**PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT****Article # 411**

B He shall check with the Branch Presidents and Secretaries to see that all correspondence and circular letters issued by **NS/NU** Command and Dominion Command receive attention and that their purport is conveyed to the general membership of the Branch.

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NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe

Approved – Executive Council Meeting, September 26, 2015

EXISTING BY-LAW**Article # 413**

Neither the District Board nor the Zone Board shall have the power to enact By-Laws or to set up any rules or regulations binding upon the Branches or the members without permission from **NS/NU** Command.

PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT**Article # 413**

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NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe

Approved – Executive Council Meeting, September 26, 2015

EXISTING BY-LAW**Article # 414**

The structure of **NS/NU** Command will be as follows:

District A – Zones 1,2 and 4
 District B – Zones 5 and 6
 District C – Zones 7 and 10
 District D – Zones 8,9 and 11
 District E – Zones 12 and 13
 District F – Zones 14 and 15
 District G - Nunavut

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 District G - Nunavut

NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe

Approved – Executive Council Meeting, September 26, 2015 and September 24, 2016

EXISTING BY-LAW**Article # 416**

D Before a Deputy Commander can temporarily assume the duties of the Commander, the District or Zone Commander must notify **NS/NU** Command in writing, stating the reason and length of time, if known, that the Deputy will be serving in this capacity.

E If the Deputy Commander can temporarily assume the duties of the Commander, which may include attendance at Executive Council meetings, he may **receive any mileage and/or per diem** that the Commander would be entitled to receive for Command duties.

PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT**Article # 416**

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E If the Deputy Commander can temporarily assume the duties of the Commander, which may include attendance at Executive Council meetings, he may **claim allowances as per 814 A** that the Commander would be entitled to receive for Command duties.

NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe

Approved – Executive Council Meeting, September 26, 2015

EXISTING BY-LAW**Article #504**

An Honorary President may be appointed by the Executive Council.

PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT**Article # 504**

The Executive Council shall appoint a Command Chaplain and News Correspondent. The Command Chaplain shall be a voting delegate to the Command Convention and shall receive two (2) days allowances as per 814 A.

NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe

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EXISTING BY-LAW**Article 505**

A The Executive Council shall appoint a NS/NU Command Chaplain who shall be a voting delegate to the Command Convention. He shall receive three (3) days per diem plus mileage.

B An Honorary Chaplain may be appointed by the Executive Council.

C The Executive Council shall appoint a NS/NU Command News Correspondent who, if not a Command or Branch voting delegate, shall receive two (2) days per diem to attend Command conventions.

D The Executive Council may appoint a Grand President who shall be a voting delegate to the NS/NU Command Convention. He shall receive three (3) days per diem plus mileage.

PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT**Article # 505**

The Executive Council may appoint a Grand President and Honorary President. They shall be voting delegates to the Command Convention, and shall receive two (2) days allowances as per 814 A.

NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe

Approved – Executive Council Meeting, September 26, 2015

EXISTING BY-LAW**Article # 509**

There shall be an Executive Director who shall be hired by the Executive Council and he shall also be the Command Secretary, and be a full time employee of the **NS/NU** Command. He shall receive such remuneration as the Council may determine.

PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT**Article # 509**

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NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe

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EXISTING BY-LAW

PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT

Article # 704 A

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- Appeals (consisting of **1st Vice President, Immediate Past President and the 2nd Vice President**)
- Bursary
- Constitution & By-Laws
- Finance & Building
- Sports
- Public Relations
- Membership
- Poppy
- Complaints
- Lotto Sweep
- Honours and Awards
- Youth, Leadership & Development
- Legion Leadership & Development
- Veterans Services, Seniors & Legislation
- Personnel Committee (consisting of 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer)
- Veterans Outreach

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- Grand Parade**

NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe

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EXISTING BY-LAW

PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT

Article # 705

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NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe

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EXISTING BY-LAW**PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT**

<p>Article # 1004</p> <p>D Any changes to Branch or Ladies Auxiliary By-Laws are not to be acted upon until ratified by the By-Laws Committee of NS/NU Command.</p>	<p>Article # 1004</p> <p>D Any changes to Branch or Ladies Auxiliary By Laws are not to be acted upon until ratified by the By-Laws Committee of Command.</p>
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NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe
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EXISTING BY-LAW**PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT**

<p>Article # 1010</p> <p>That all Branches of NS/NU Command shall within 21 days of the end of the previous month, provide a financial statement to Command on a NS/NU Command approved format.</p>	<p>Article # 1010</p> <p>A// Branches of Command shall within 21 days of the end of the previous month, provide a financial statement to Command on a Command approved format.</p>
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EXISTING BY-LAW**PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT**

<p>Article # 1503</p> <p>NS/NU Command shall provide standard Branch By-Laws which shall govern the affairs of all Branches that have not adopted their own By-Laws.</p>	<p>Article # 1503</p> <p>Command shall provide standard Branch By-Laws which shall govern the affairs of all Branches that have not adopted their own By-Laws.</p>
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NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe
Approved – Executive Council Meeting, September 26, 2015

EXISTING BY-LAW**PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT**

<p>Article # 1504</p> <p>These By-Laws may be amended, repealed or re-enacted at any NS/NU Command Convention or Executive Council by a majority vote; however, they will not come into effect until approved by Dominion Command.</p>	<p>Article # 1504</p> <p>These By-Laws may be amended, repealed or re-enacted at any Command Convention or Executive Council by a majority vote; however, they will not come into effect until approved by Dominion Command.</p>
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NS/NU Command By-Laws Chairman, Melvin Crowe
Approved – Executive Council Meeting, September 26, 2015

CADET MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Since assuming the role as Finance Committee Chairman in 2015 this committee has continued on the same path as the previous Finance Committee in being transparent and responsible to the Membership of Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command.

We've looked at ways to cut costs wherever possible such as in conducting committee business via teleconferencing and e-mail, finding further efficiencies in programming and developing opportunities to increase revenues.

The committee monitors investments on an ongoing basis to ensure best possible value.

Reduction in per capita continues to be of great concern; lower revenue generated through per capita greatly affects our operations.

The Committee was able to table a balanced budget for 2017, which was presented and accepted by Executive Council in February.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of our Executive Director Comrade Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte and our Command Bookkeeper Comrade Ken Guitard in keeping us informed and up to date on the financial status of this Command.

Finally, I would propose that Auditors, Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants be retained to conduct the financial audit of the year 2017.

Respectfully Submitted
Mel Crowe
Chairman
Finance Committee
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Committee members Jay Tofflemire – Chair

2015: It was detected during replacement of the man entrance door next to the garage door that the south side of the building had major water damage caused from improper installation of building wrap, flashing and siding during construction. Cost to replace the man door was \$2605.76. The south end of the building had to be stripped of siding from the freeze board down, some windows had to be removed and new framing to replace the rotten studs and OSB. The siding was replaced and the total cost of the project was \$10,497.14. The original contractor Bayshore did reimburse Command with a \$4000.00 donation.

2016: Much needed upgrades to office computers and software was completed. Six newer computers with monitors and other equipment were obtained from Computers for Schools.

- a. New work station installed for the Second Service Officer.
- b. All systems have been upgraded to Windows 10.
- c. All systems have Office 2016.
- d. All systems have MacAfee anti-virus and malware protection.
- e. All systems are backed up nightly off site to CrashPro.

The approx. \$3000.00 cost to complete these upgrades was for Software Licences and IT Person to complete the software installation and transfer of data files.

With the hiring a second Service Officer, there was a requirement to construct a New Command President Office. This project was completed by Tidal Coast Ltd at a cost of \$4830.00. Office furniture was updated in the reception area and the new President Office and Service Officer approx. \$850.00.

Electricity Savings:

2012	\$8978.95	62500kWh
2015	\$9367.40	45275kWh
2016	\$6551.69	42900kWh

Explanation: In 2013 we installed new programable thermostats. The building is now only heated to 21.5 degrees when occupied. The boardroom is 17 degrees when not in use, and all heat reduced to 14 degrees when building was not occupied. This reduced our power consumption to the 2015 level. The goal was to drop the yearly kWh total to **below** 45,000kWh to remove the demand portion of the power bill. With some fine tuning, that happen in February 2016. This effort cut our overall power bill by 48% and we are 32 %more energy efficient. Win – Win for all.

Respectfully submitted
Jay Tofflemire
Building Chairman

HONOURS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Command Honours & Awards Committee has met five (5) times since the 2015 convention. There has been a total one hundred twenty-seven (127) submissions reviewed.

September 18, 2015

Award	Total	NS/NU Approved
Life Membership	30	22
Friendship Award	2	2
MSM	8	8
MSA	2	1
Palm Leaf (MSM)	6	4
Palm Leaf (MSA)	3	3

January 22, 2016

Award	Total	NS/NU Approved
Life Membership	16	13
Media Award	3	3
MSM	4	4
Palm Leaf (MSM)	1	1
Palm Leaf (MSA)	N/A	N/A

April 22, 2016

Award	Total	NS/NU Approved
Life Membership	9	7
MSM	6	2
Palm Leaf (MSM)	2	1

September 9, 2016

Award	Total	NS/NU Approved
Life Membership	11	5
MSM	3	2
Palm Leaf (MSM)	1	1

February 10, 2017

Award	Total	NS/NU Approved
Life Membership	14	13
MSM	4	2
Palm Leaf (MSM)	2	1

The Honours and awards Committee over a period of time has sent out ABM's and notices on what is required when submitting applications for the various awards available.

Included in the notices was a checklist and sample citation to help awards committees at the Branch level when filling out applications of the various awards for deserving Comrades.

Yet the committee is still receiving applications that are on the wrong form or the application is not signed by the Zone or District Commander, or worse the citations are not up to the required standard to forward on to Dominion Command for their approval.

When an award is applied for on behalf of a member it means the particular member has been an outstanding member of the RCL and the Branch he/she represents.

The Committee asks that when filling out a citation for an award, that the guidelines are followed, so the deserving members have every opportunity to receive the award being applied for on their behalf.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee Comrade Karen Lynch and Comrade Jay Tofflemire as well as Committee Secretary Colleen Longmire for their dedication to the committee over the last two (2) years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mel Crowe, Chairman

LEGION LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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. These will be available on the website when completed.

There have been a few Training session around the Province and I am sure the the Zone Commanders and District Commanders are training as well. We can't get enough knowledge and the more we share and train those people joining the legions and the Executives, the better off everyone will be. Manuals are changing all the time and we must be sure we download, print off and use the proper Articles when we are doing Legion business.

Yours in Comradeship,
Marion Fryday-Cook
Leadership and Development

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP COMMITTEE

The 2015-2016 Legion Leadership Training Camps were held on June 27th to July 5th and June 25th to July 3rd respectively. Attendance at both camps were fairly consistent with an average of (60) sixty students attending. I am pleased to report that all campers were sponsored by Legion Branches and for that I am very pleased and grateful. I wish to thank all District/Zones, Legion Branches and schools who supported the camp and we will continue to work with those who do not support this great camp.

"It is critical for all District Commanders to assist their Zone Commanders and Legion Branches to ensure all understand what is expected to make this unique camp successful in all ways!"

Many changes continue to be made in the operation of the camp to cut costs, such as fewer number of days held, fewer number of students attending and utilizing the facilities of the college more closely to ensure we maximize usage at a minimum cost. These efforts will be ongoing.

The Minister of Education for the Province of Nova Scotia, the Honorable Karen Casey continues to support and promote the camp by sending a letter to all schools urging participation in the camp by encouraging recruitment of students, we are very pleased to have the Minister attend the closing ceremony of the camp on several occasions and her comments are most favorable.

I wish to thank my Leadership Training Camp Committee Comrade Wilson MacDonald, Secretary Colleen Longmire, Command Secretary Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte, Council Members and Camp Staff for their dedication to the success of the camp.

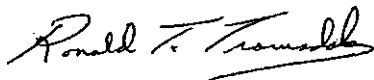
This is my last report as Chairman of this great camp. I have been honoured to have served seven (7) Command Presidents over a period of fourteen years and with each camp I had the opportunity to experience something very special for which I will always be grateful.

"I wish to state"

"Comrades, your NS/NU Command Leadership Training Camp is as relevant and vital now as when it was created by Legionaries fifty four (54) years ago. It is critical you support this effort to educate our youth, as they are the future leaders of our great country, Canada."

P.S. Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil is a graduate of the Legion Leadership Training Camp.

Respectfully Submitted



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

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 Toffemire, Secretary Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte, myself, and reps from the Alcohol and Gaming Division.

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

Chairman - Rita Connors

Members –Karen Lynch, Wendell Crowell, Glenn Hobin

Secretary – Patrick Watson

The Lotto Sweep for the past 2 years has shown a significant drop in support, in particular this past year. We feel this is due in part to the cost of postage and money orders and the other weekly lotteries that are being held in the Branches and communities.

And it was also unfortunate that a mail Strike was held during the last Campaign. Our efforts to increase the profit from the Lotto Sweep over the past year for the Youth Programs was not realized.

As a committee and with input from the President and the Executive Director, a proposal was presented to the Finance Committee and was accepted by the Ex council meeting in Feb /17.

Lotto	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
LLTC	\$6838	
Net Profit	(\$1705)	\$743.37

On the positive side, the Lotto Sweep did make some Legionnaires quite happy that they filled in their tickets for the various draws and won.

Thank you to the Committee and to all the Volunteers who faithfully helped with the opening of Envelopes during the Campaign, you were very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted
Rita Connors, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

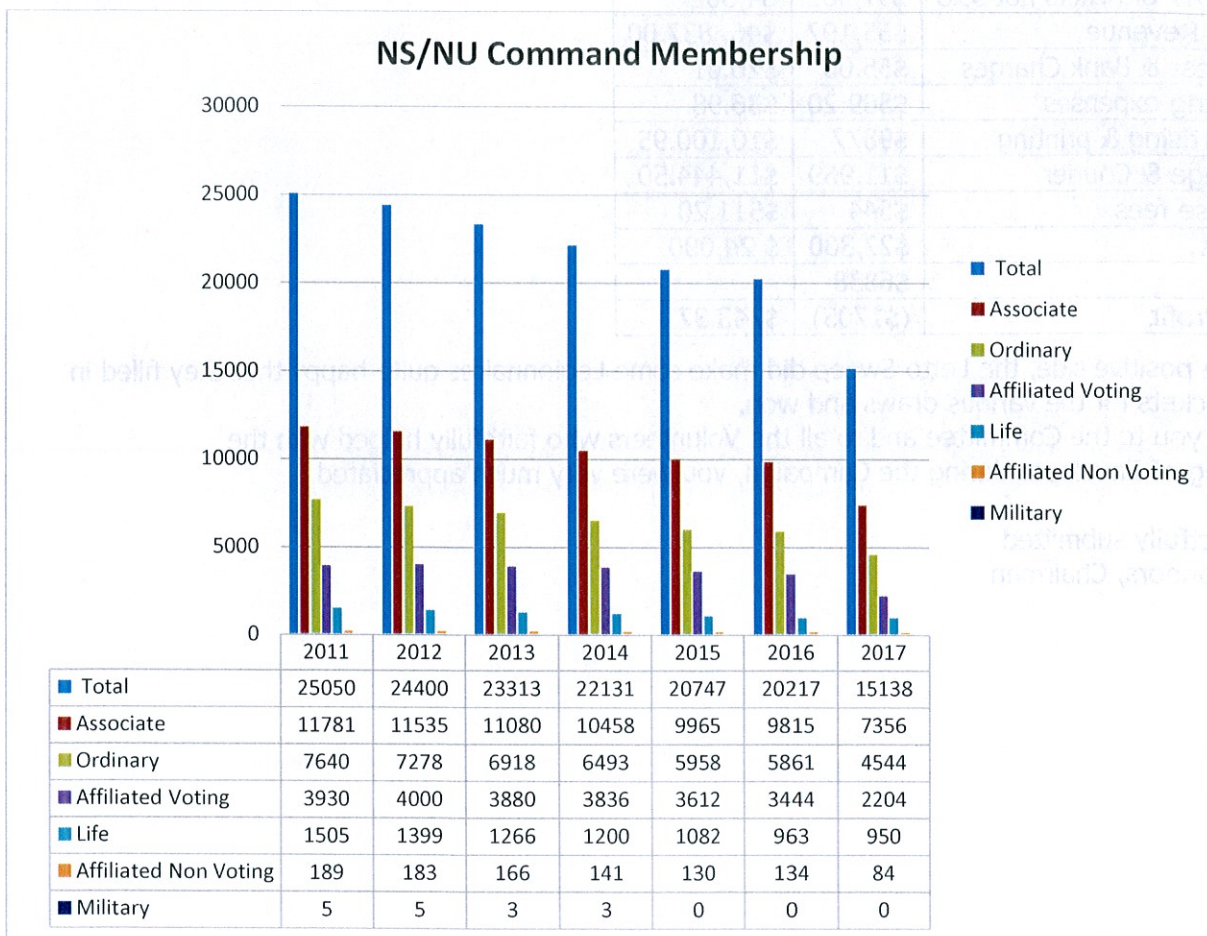
Committee members

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

February 10, 2017

Comrades All

The Membership Graph below shows numbers for each membership category over the past six years and the 2017 renewal numbers. NS/NU Command membership renewal remains strong. We seen over 30 branches grow in strength last year. The 2016 renewal percentage was 98.15%, slightly higher the national average of 97.70 % for 2015 – 2016. **Note:** The number of reported deceased members was below the average from previous years, therefore this may affect the renewals numbers for 2017.



What's new and up and coming for membership!

The New Membership Program will be tested across Canada starting in February 2017. This will happen in four phases over the winter and spring months. Once testing is complete and all training material has been finalized we will launch to all branches and members. Online training material will be available as well as full telephone support from Dominion Command for any branches requiring assistance.

The Initiation Ceremony is being reviewed by Dominion Command Membership Committee. The question was asked, and with 100% feedback from the Provincial Membership Chairs, it was unanimous that they did not want to eliminate the Initiation Ceremony but were in favour of streamlining the current ceremony. The committee will reach out to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the Rituals and Awards committee for their input.

New Plasticized Membership Cards - the plan is that in 2017, branches will receive a new plasticized membership card that will replace the paper card in 2018. The renewal process will not change. The card will be good for several years with a "year" sticker placed on the back of the card when dues are paid. Each year the branch will receive the paper renewal part to be remitted back to Dominion Command.

The Membership Manual is online and the version held at your branch should be **checked** and updated **annually**. The DC Committee has tried to cover all areas dealing with membership eligibility. However, if you have questions you may wish to contact your Zone or District Commander or your Command office for assistance. Information in this manual has been obtained from a number of reliable sources; however, should you observe any inaccuracies, please contact the Membership Section at Dominion Command. We hope branches find this a useful and informative publication.

Thanks to all the membership chairs for your work over the last two years. Without your support and dedication where would the legion membership program be?! Watch for ABMO's and be aware of what is new and exciting when it comes to membership, the online renewal process, plasticized cards, and the possibility of a new membership drive contest. Good Luck with your membership programs!

Respectfully submitted
Jay Tofflemire
Membership Chair

POPPY & REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

I was involved in several teleconferences with the Poppy Communication Network, which took place in my first year. The Provincial Poppy Chairmen had the opportunity to speak with the Dominion Committee as well as each other in a very informal but informative way. The discussions ranged from the changes to the new manual, the start of the Poppy campaign or how to get branches to submit their Poppy Reports on time.

The annual Poppy Campaign continues to be the most important Legion project of the year. The monies raised across the Province help support the local Veterans, Veteran's Units, Veteran's Wings, Cadet corps and benevolent funds. Over 1million 373 thousand dollars was raised in our Command last year and it is certainly a credit to the branches for all their hard work and dedication to remembering our Fallen. The Command Headquarters continues to have Veterans in need and requests for the benevolent funds have increased tremendously over the past few years.

There was a new Poppy Manual distributed in 2016. Would all branches please ensure that you have an updated version downloaded from the Dominion Command website. It has the latest version of the Poppy Trust Fund Report, as well as a more comprehensive list of Do's and Don'ts of the Poppy Trust Fund. If you are ever in doubt to what is an acceptable donation, please contact Command for clarification.

There was a 5% increase passed at the last Dominion Convention in 2016 and an increase of 10% from NS/NU Command. There was a discussion about the dual increase and NS/NU Command has credited the Branches the 10% back from the 2016 campaign.

Poster and Literacy entries over the past two years have been outstanding. This year alone there were over 90 submissions to the Literacy portion of the contest and over 100 posters. I would like to thank the judges from the local branches who have assisted in the selection process.

Yours in Comradeship,
Marion Fryday-Cook
Poppy Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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 chairman 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 was a meeting in mid February with the webmaster, command staff, Command President, and some members of the executive committee. This meeting was held to review all of the input and changes to date. This meeting was 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 inquires. This will make committee chairman 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.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

Darts:

The 2016 NS/NU Command Legion Darts were hosted by Middleton Br# 001 in March 2016. The team winners from Centennial Br# 160 were Paul LaQuant, Rod Snow, Jerry Myles and Chris Steiger. The doubles winners from Lawrencetown Legion Br# 112 were father/son team Nick & D.J. Smith. The Centennial team went on to win the Dominion Command Legion team championships.

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. ** In August 2016 NS/NU Command was notified that Past President Comrade Lester Nash had passed away. Comrade Nash was a strong supporter of Legion sports and will be remembered for his dedication to the Royal Canadian Legion.

Cribbage: Coordinator, Murray Dawson

The 2016 NS/NU Command Legion cribbage championship was hosted by Colchester Legion Br# 026 Truro with 27 four person teams. The winners from Colchester Br# 026 were Joseph Brenton, Connie Whitlock, Jim Lynk and Stewart Hardy. The 2016 Dominion Command cribbage singles winner was Joseph Brenton from Br# 026. Once again coordinator Murray Dawson and his team did a great job in running the tournament.

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 was hosted by Bridgewater Br# 024, Bridgewater on March 04-05, 2017. The 2017 Provincial 8-ball winners Iqaluit Br. 168 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. ** The 2019/2020 Dominion Legion Track/ Field Nationals are to be hosted by Sydney NS.

CURLING:

The 2016 NS/NU Command Legion (68th) Curling Championships were hosted by River Hebert Legion Br# 014 on January 22-24. The curling took place at the Brookside Curling Club, in River Hebert. The winners from River Hebert Br# 14 are Andy Morris, Dennis Beardsley, Corey Burbine, Darren McIver and spare Larry Beardsley.

The second place team from Bridgewater Legion Br# 024 are Mike Nauss, Ward Beck, David Kokicki, Vince Gendron and spare Paul Sampson.

During the annual banquet, NS/NU Command Curling Association President Pete Comeau thanked both Br# 014 Legion President Harry Dow and the Brookside curling club President Greg Wilson and all the volunteers for a job well done.

The 2017 NS/NU Command Legion Curling will be hosted by Bridgewater Legion Br# 024.

**Although Curling has been dropped by Dominion Command as a member sanctioned sport the NS/NU Command Curling Association will continue to have an annual Legion Curling Bonspiel.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert Hoeg

Robert Hoeg,
NS/NU Command Sport Chairman

VETERANS OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The programs of NS/NU Command are constantly in flux, constantly evolving, as we've seen through the many reports you have already heard during this convention. Our Veterans Outreach Program (VOP) initiatives are no exception, and in order to remain relevant, we must keep pace with the changes that are affecting the lives of our Veterans and their families.

As the years go by we find that at certain times some of our VOP initiatives may sit dormant for a short period of time while others may come to the forefront and require our more immediate attention. One aspect of our program structure 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. Over the past 2 years we have extended financial support and/or referred support to approximately 312 Veterans and their families in need of urgent assistance. 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 and as you have seen through the finance and audit reports, the Benevolent Fund 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. With the development of national standards and Nova Scotia legislation in support of psychological service dogs, Paws Fur Thought continues to move forward with this life changing initiative.

The focus of our Porchlight group is to ensure a safe haven and extend peer support for our serving and former Canadian Forces and RCMP members experiencing mental health injuries in a safe, secure, confidential and mutually supportive environment. In the summer of 2015 our Porchlight Veterans were very excited about the possibility of standing up a "virtual" Legion branch with their fellow Comrades across the province. There were also discussions that this virtual branch would eventually become a physical branch within NS/NU Command. While these plans are still being considered, the present focus of the 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.

Developing initiatives within the Legion OSI Section such as street patrols and PTSD/OSI educational training are already part of our Veterans Outreach programs. In order to stay in full contact with the new Legion OSI and its growing programs, NS/NU Command has appointed Porchlight member, Comrade Rollie Lawless, as our Command representative to the Legion OSI. As a full member of the Legion OSI Executive Council, 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 hosted 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 workshop was designed to engage communities designing housing first solutions for Veterans experiencing homelessness. The objectives of the workshop were to share lessons learned and exchange ideas and strategies in order to build a local network for a housing first model.

Yearly donations from our VOP to the Military Family Resource Center have also evolved over these past years. In an effort to ensure that these donations achieved maximum effect across the entire province, we have re-directed our support through the "Military Family Mental Health/Operational

Stress Injury Support Peer Retreat". The 2016 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. There are many successful and life altering retreats available for Veterans, however, there are limited opportunities that provide the family member with a similar opportunity. NS/NU Command is proud to help make this retreat available again in 2017.

Another initiative that has been introduced through our Porchlight group is the proposed Veterans Walk-in Clinic at Camp Hill Memorial Hospital. NS/NU Command recognizes the tremendous need, and fully supports the establishment of this Veteran centric walk-in clinic. 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, NS/NU Command's VOP continues to remain fully committed to all of our evolving programs and initiatives developed to assist our ill and injured Veterans and their families. They help enhance their quality of life and help in overcoming the barriers faced as a result of their service. These programs also 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.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge our Executive Director, Comrade Valerie, and thank her for her dedication and devotion towards the advancement of our Veterans Outreach Program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Wessel
VOP Chairman

VETERANS SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK

This report will summarize the activities and finances dealing with the production and distribution of the Veteran Service Recognition Books - Volume 11 (Fall-2015) and Volume 12 (Fall-2016).

The recognition of the Veterans of Nova Scotia and Nunavut through these yearly publications has become a labour of love for me and for many of you as members of The Royal Canadian Legion, and a means of well-deserved recognition for those Veterans whose biographies and photos appear within the pages of these books.

As we are all aware, one of the pillars on which The R.C.L. was formed is Remembrance, and this recognition book series has proven itself year after year to be a wonderful tool in the remembrance and recognition of our Veterans, and of the work of The R.C.L. For each volume published, 3000 copies are printed with approximately 1200-1300 of these copies distributed to the schools and libraries across Nova Scotia and Nunavut and to the booklet advertisers. The remaining 1700-1800 copies are distributed within the branches of our Command and shared with the Veterans of our communities and those who supply the information contained within each book.

Volumes 11 and 12 have generated considerable income for our Command over the past two (2) years. To date, Volume 11 has generated revenue of \$90,196.00 as reported at the 2016 AGM, while Volume 12 has generated revenue in excess of \$90,000.00 at the time of writing this report, bringing the total received by our Command over the past 2 years through the production of these books in excess of \$180,000.00.

With yearly expenses for this project 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.

Over the past several years, the amount of biographies and photos received through our branches for these publications has dropped off significantly. In order to maintain our quota for these last 2 editions 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.

Our 2017 edition, and further editions will still be dedicated to the Veterans of Nova Scotia and Nunavut and will continue to recognize their deeds and sacrifices, but, in a different format. 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. I'm excited to begin this new phase of our recognition book project.

Comrades, when I introduced the concept of these recognition books to our Executive Council 14 years ago, the idea of telephone solicitation through a 3rd party (Fenety Marketing) to help raise revenue for our Command was vigorously debated, and only narrowly accepted – and – only for one year!

Thankfully, our original Legion branch history edition volume #1 was a success, Executive Council agreed to continue the project, and this upcoming edition will be our 14th year of production. As a result, over the years, we have raised approximately \$1 million in support of NS/NU Command.

I ask you – where would our Command be financially without this project?

So Comrades, 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.**

In closing, I would like to recognize members of our Command staff, Comrades Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte and Colleen Tofflemire for their assistance in the coordination and distribution of these wonderful books.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Wessel
Project Chairman / Editor.

VETERANS SERVICES & SENIORS COMMITTEE

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 & RCL Branch 98, and Veterans Affairs Canada. All monies remaining were distributed to Veteran Units in need of equipment.

Group of IX meet 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. The committee consists 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.

The Veterans are well looked after and are happy to be with their Comrades. They thoroughly enjoy their outings, and I had the pleasure of attending 3 of those over the past few months. This past year, Camp Hill opened up several beds for non- theatre Veterans. And for the first time in awhile, they have a waiting list for Theatre Veterans. Veterans are entering Camp Hill in their late 80's and early 90's and are grateful for the Excellent care they get from the staff – they become their Family

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

DISTRICT A

Zones 1, 2 and 3

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 1

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 like 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
Clifford Macintyre
Cape Breton District A, Zone 1 Commander

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"

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 2016. For that reason we have separate reports from each Zone.

<u>Zone 5</u>	Antigonish and Guysborough Counties	Cambrai Br. 37
	Chedabucto Br. 46	Sherbrooke Br. 56
	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

<u>Zone 6</u>	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

During the year I have attended various Executive and General meetings for the 6 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 awards.

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 Levee'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 Zones 7 and 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# 60 Pugwash 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 NFLD.

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.

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 Zones 12 and 13

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. Always a good thing to assist in presenting money to a branch.

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 have attended both Zone and District meetings, conducted installations and visited branches within the District. All branches say the same thing, not enough volunteers. Many branches are holding their own but we have lost two branches since the last convention. Caledonia branch and Port Maitland have surrendered their charters. Most of the members have joined other branches in their zones, and continue to support their new branches.

The following reports are submitted by the Zone 12 Commander Don McCumber and Zone 13 Commander Darryl Cook.

Yours in comradeship,
Marion Fryday-Cook
District E Commander

Zone 12

Yarmouth Branch 61

Branch 61 has had a good year with many activities. I've been please work with my officers and executive who have all worked diligently to keep our branch afloat. We had only three deaths in the past year namely Gilbert Hersey, Cecil Rhodes, and Paul Deveaux. Our Banquet Chairman put on a Mother's Day lunch; four breakfast; four lunches; Meals for a Métis weekend; Easter, Father's Day and Christmas breakfast at Veteran's Place. Our affiliation with the Children's Wish is going on every year.

13 clients have all been taken care of by our Service Officer.

On June 14 we held an Honours and Awards ceremony to handout 5- 60 year pins and the Legionnaire of the year was presented to Dorothy Vallillee.

Veteran's Place requested two new card tables and two cd players, which we provided.

Our membership consists of 150 members and we have kept our dues at the same amount in spite of the fact that Dominion Command has raised their fees.

The house chairman has addressed all safety issues and received approval for them. The hall has been rented several times for meetings and social gatherings. Sunday night Bingo is not as lucrative a money raiser as in the past but is ongoing. New monitors have been provided for these functions. The canteen and the kitchen are opened these nights.

Friday night Meat Bingo is still popular. Saturday Night dances with a live band continue to draw good crowds.

8 raffles were conducted by the Ways & Means and gave us a nice return. We will be joining the Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus to hold a Chase the Ace. We have held Fun days at the

legion which are good for fundraising. We have started Monday night Darts for the winter. Our Poppy Campaign setting up for this year.

Yours in Comradeship, Charles Crosby President

West Pubnico Branch 66

We have regretfully lost 2 members who have passed away. At last count, we had approximately 40 members.

For most of the past year we were hanging on financially, due for the most part to frugal management in the past. Things have taken a dramatic turn since the month of February. Chase the Ace has really been doing exceptionally well. Counting last Friday night, we have sold more than \$1 million in tickets. We have more than 100 volunteers working every Friday. In addition, during the week, we have to prepare tickets and other things for 7 different venues. About 50 volunteers show up for this activity.

We have also been renting a portion of our building to the West Pubnico health club. We are also renting space upstairs to group of artists and musicians. Our hall is also use during the day for exercise classes.

Our Poppy campaign went well thanks Poppy Chairman Comrade Bev d'Eon and her active committee. Many members, as well as the Ladies Auxillary were active in making the campaign a success.

Members of our branch visited École Pubnico-Ouest to help with their Remembrance Day ceremonies and to talk to students about their experiences and why peace is so important and to remember the price that was paid to achieve this peace.

Remembrance Day activities were held as usual. A church service was followed by the 11 AM ceremonies which are held indoors because of the cold and the aging of most of our members. The Yarmouth Air cadets squadron 299 provided the honour guard. And RCMP constable, in red serge, provided colour to the ceremonies. Attendance was very good for both of these events. Our Remembrance Day banquet was well attended and we had a wonderful supper catered by the Pubnico Area Lionettes. We have awarded a bursary of \$1000 to a deserving student, from École secondaire de Par-en-bas.

Our challenge now is to bolster our membership and find new and fresh leadership. Some of our volunteers are members and many have indicated that they will sign up.

Jean Bernard d'Entremont, President

Lockeport Branch 80

In April, we received word that our brand-new Branch by laws have been accepted by Nova Scotia/Nunavut command. Zone Commander Don McCumber was welcomed to the branch. Plans were made for annual Mother's Day turkey dinner. At an executive meeting, estimates for the renovations to the main hall were discussed and contractors chosen. May's dinner was a success and plans were made for the Father's Day breakfast in June. Four members visited Veterans Place, Colonel Sanders chicken dinner and entertainment was provided. Comrade Sarah Parks has been coordinating kitchen crews and food, with great results. July was a very busy month with Canada day celebrations and two breakfasts for the Harmony Bazaar weekend. In August a breakfast was

held on Sea Derby weekend. On August 22, Branch 80 was honoured to receive a photo mural of the HMCS Lockeport from the town of Lockeport. An unveiling was held in front of the branch and a light lunch was enjoyed afterwards. The next day our members did a great job of getting the hall ready for the contractors. Our Chase the Ace was held offsite and various locations were used for a monthly meetings. We are looking forward to our renovated hall, the Poppy campaign for Lockport and Shelburne and to remaining a vital, active branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Sincerely,
Monty Andrews, President

Wedgeport Branch 155

Like many other legions across the province, the financial situation is always a concern and Wedgeport Branch 155 is working hard in getting their financial situation in good standing. 2016 has been a very good year considering a few years ago the possibility of closing our branch was a possibility. We are very pleased to have \$116,913 in our credit union account at this time. We've also been very fortunate to have received three different grants this year. With these grants we are doing some major repairs and renovations to our branch such as \$30,000 on new heat pumps.

The highlights of 2016 will be 4 members of our Legion who have received the highest award from France that a noncitizen can receive for their part in the liberation of France during World War II. Alcide LeBlanc, Bernard Smith., Wesley Spinney and Vernon Doucette. They are now Knights of the French Legion of Honour and wear their medals proudly and we are very proud of our Knights. Another member of Branch 155 received a very high award from our government for all he has achieved for our veterans which is the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation to Comrade Robert Garron.

Another goal for 2016 for Legion is 50 new members. So far we have initiated 21 new members this year with more to come in our next two general meetings.

As President of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 155 I am very proud of our branch and all the work our members have done to bring this Branch to the good position we are in today, and this Remembrance Day with our World War II Veterans at the head table at our banquet to Honour them while we still have them.

In closing, Branch 155 would like to thank the Yarmouth Branch for allowing again this year to come to their district of Yarmouth for one day to distribute our Poppies. This is very much appreciated by our Branch.

Gerald McKenzie, President

Cape Sable Island Branch 148

This year marks the 60th anniversary of branch 148 and regrettably the passing of our last surviving charter member.

Membership numbers are slowly declining with no signs of potential recruiting in the area.

This loss of members has unfortunately reduce durability to hold any major fundraising activities. However, full credit should go to those who have organize some small projects. Every dollar counts. This year our local Lighthouse Theatre group has very kindly offered to put on a second showing of

a very successful Variety Show, with all monies raised going to Branch 148. I'm pleased to report that this is a sellout.

Despite these financial shortfalls, our funds remain relatively buoyant. With prudent spending we have continue to offer annual scholarships to the graduating class of Barrington Municipal High School and support to a couple of minor causes.

The Branch has been represented at the Annual Sea Cadet review and thanks to a healthy Poppy Trust Fund account has been able to donate \$1000 for the last two years i.a.w. Poppy Fund regulations. This Cadet unit is highly thought of by the Naval authorities in Halifax and also the local community. We are proud to continue with our support.

The Remembrance campaign is extremely well supported in this area by both the community and especially the volunteers who assist our members with Poppy sales. Cash taken in in the amount of about \$15,000 annually which is a considerable sum for such a small number of people. The branch is responsible for three church services on Remembrance Day- ALL are "sell out" events. We continue with our annual Dinner for Veterans on this day. We are also able to use Poppy funds to support requests from the Yarmouth hospital for funding. This money ONLY goes towards equipment which is a direct benefit for our veterans and as a result is a bonus for the members of the community

The branch tries to offer assistance to the Veteran's Place whenever possible but we are unfortunately restrained by the availability of active members.

To finish on the lighter note our "voyage" into the world of "Chase the Ace" was a resounding failure. The first game was won in week two and our second attempt went in week three. Needless to say, that, despite being the first organization in the area to play the game, we decided not to take a risk at a third "defeat."

However, although we are a relatively small bunch with a big heart, we are determined to continue with the objectives of the Royal Canadian Legion in supporting our veterans and their spouses/widows. It is thanks to the support of the local community that we are able to continue with these ideals.

Thank you,
David Cleaver, President

Port Maitland Branch 143: From the Zone Commander

I met with the majority of the members of this Branch and have forwarded a copy of the minutes. At this time the Cenotaph has been turned over to the Municipality and all expenses are being paid for by the Branch. The members have reviewed the balances of their accounts and by motion have designated as to where they would like to see them dispersed. A copy of their requests has been forwarded to the District Commander to discuss with Command.

Zone 13

Zone 13 Commander Cook wishes to report the following:

As the result of a letter from the Veteran's unit at Fisherman's Memorial Hospital requesting funding for new equipment, a letter of request for funds was forwarded to NS/NU Command

requesting assistance from the Veterans Unit and Wings fund. The request was granted and a cheque in the amount of \$2000.00 was received. On November 7, 2016 at the monthly meeting of the Staff and Residents Committee of the Fisherman's Memorial Hospital Veteran's unit, the cheque was presented to the unit by myself and Comrade Sam Emmons of Branch 24.

Lunenburg Branch 23

This branch was struggling internally as they did not have members in place who had the expertise to properly conduct their duties. However, after several meetings with myself and the District Commander, things have progressed well and a lot of catching up is being done. From reports, the branch is now running smoothly. The branch has also received financial support from the Capital Assistance program and has now completed renovations to their downstairs hall. They continue with Bingo and now have started Chase the Ace in partnership with the local Sea Cadets. Their monthly breakfasts continue.

Bridgewater Branch 24

Branch 24 is having problems getting volunteers for committees but otherwise is operating normally. The Branch had a very successful Poppy Trust Fund campaign and Remembrance Day parade and ceremonies, which are always a huge event. The 53rd biannual Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command convention will be hosted by Branch 24 and will be held on the weekend of 2017-05-19/22. With that in mind, this Branch will be looking for assistance from other Branches within the Zone. On the other hand, the Branch has recently held the annual Election of Officers and subsequent Installation. Some new faces but all seem eager to get on with the job of running the Branch. TGIF suppers in conjunction with Chase the Act have been successful and will start up again in the near future.

Liverpool Mersey Branch 038

Another Branch wanting volunteers for the positions of the various offices and committees. Darts will be starting in the fall and at this time Chase the Ace is on going. The Branch has an ongoing project to have a suitable plaque placed in the vicinity of where two airplanes crashed in 1941, during WWII. The Branch serves lunches every day for a nominal price. This is an ongoing successful program.

Mahone Bay Branch 49

This branch never seems to have any problems but they could use more members to assist with various committees. Financial reports are usually submitted on time. They have done some renovations to the washrooms. Brunches were done throughout the summer and darts will be starting in the fall. This Branch is been given a piece of land on which to build a memorial. Sadly after 60 years of service the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 49 has held their final meeting and is closing.

Chester Basin Everett Branch 88

Everett branch has been trying various tactics to gain interest of old and possibly new members. They have invited the local MP to one general meeting and the NS/NU Command president to another. Both were successful events. Monthly Newfie Breakfasts are successful. Their Sports Chairperson is presently organizing a Supersports Day to be held in February. Hopefully this will become an annual event.

New Ross Branch 79

In the past year New Ross branch has done a lot of renovations to the clubhouse with many members involved. They have also participated in the local community events such as the 200th anniversary of New Ross. They received a grant for heat pump. Heat pumps have not been installed yet. An elevator has been installed to provide access to their second floor. Their Friday night functions have been a good success. This Branch is progressing very well as to opposed to several years ago.

Chester F. E. Butler Branch 44

The Branch was involved with a Chase the Ace with the local Health Centre. The first jackpot was over up over \$30,000.00. Last summer was very difficult for the Branch as they lost five veterans in a two week period. The Branch sponsors Llewellyn 351 Sea Cadet Corps and that has started back up again and is very busy. They hold weekly Bingos, monthly cribbage tournaments, Men's and Ladies Dart Leagues and a monthly breakfast serving approximately 175 people per month.

New Germany Branch 102

This branch is struggling to survive. However, they have some new members and perhaps things will start to change. They also hope to have a new president and a few new people on the executive and that has now come to pass. The Branch has a new Executive and they appear to be eager to start new projects. The Branch has good support and cooperation from the local public but they need more members who have an interest in the Branch and are willing to work at the various volunteer jobs. They have started having barbecues on Friday nights and that event seems to be doing OK

Western Shore Harding Branch 144

This Branch, as with other Branches requires members and volunteers to assist with the various committees. At this time the Branch has a new President and hopefully things will start to improve over time. The new Executive seem to have a positive outlook for the future.

Darryl Cook
Zone 13 Commander

DISTRICT F Zones 14 and 15

This has been a busy 2 years in District "F". The Zone 14 Commander Wendell Crowell and Zone 15 Commander Glenn Hobin have a lot of territory to cover with 10 and 11 Branches respectively to visit. Thanks for all your work.

The district meetings have been well attended by the branch delegates and have had a quorum at all the meetings. For this we are grateful and quite proud that the Presidents are ensuring that they attend or sent a representative – well done Comrades!

Most of the elections have been held for the new term and have full slates either through election or appointment.

There has been a huge improvement in the reporting of financial statements and branches are reviewing their by-laws and sending in their memberships in a timely manner.

Branches are recognizing their deserving volunteers by putting their names forward for awards and it's wonderful to attend an Honours and Awards night and see the pleasure on their face when it's presented to them.

Ceremonies at the cenotaphs were well attended and the poppy campaigns were successful. Branches continue to host the Veterans from Camp Hill hospital for an afternoon of comradeship and good food and entertainment.

A Call to Remembrance committee was formed with Comrade Glen Leduc as Chair and a presentation was made at a district meeting by Comrade Glen with very little interest shown by the branches. The schools were notified as to interest with only two (2), who were on board. Due to past issues with the program they chose not to commit and since that time teachers are in contract bargaining with a work to rule policy. An interest is shown by the committee to change the method of the delivery of questions and revamp it for the coming year – this will require time and a great deal of commitment and is a program that the committee would like to see continued. Thanks to Comrade Glen for his work on this committee.

Thanks to Command for putting on a training seminar during a district meeting – it was well received.

Thank you to Bette Thistle District Sec/Treas for her assistance & support during this term.

Thank you to the Executives and the branch memberships for continuing to support The RCL, it deserves the very best we can give.

In Comradeship
Rita Connors
District F Commander

Zone 14 Report

The past year has been busy in Zone 14. I have attended 19 Executive Meetings, 12 Membership Meetings, 5 Election Meetings and 4 Award Banquets. We had 4 Zone 14 meetings but one we did not have a quorum so had a good discussion with the members that showed for the meeting. I have tried to have these meetings in different Branches so that everyone has a chance to meet Comrades in the Zone.

In June I attended the Dominion RCL Convention in St John's, Newfoundland along with representatives from four of the Branches in my Zone. The days were long but the meetings were very informative. I recommend that each Branch try to send a representative next year as meeting with Comrades from across the country helps in gaining ideas that may be tried in your respective branch.

Last year we had a number of students enter in the Poster and Essay Contest for Remembrance Day. In Zone 14, we had one branch that had four winners and three were first place winners that were forwarded to Dominion. Two other Branches had one winner each with one being first place was forwarded to Dominion Command. I had the opportunity to present a number of winner awards from the previous year to students in their respective schools. This is a wonderful program and I encourage all Branches to promote this program to the teachers in their respective communities.

I attended the graduation of the Leadership program in Truro last summer. We had one branch in Zone 14, Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial, sponsor five (5) students to attend the Legion Leadership Training Camp. It is amazing what these young people gain by the tremendous insight into their own abilities and develop skills that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. Therefore, I again encourage all Branches to promote this program in the schools in their community.

During the summer months we held a number of meetings to resurrect the Zone 14 picnic. As we got started to late it was decided that we defer to 2017. So at our last Zone meeting, we asked each branch to forward one persons name in to the Zone Secretary to be on a committee to plan for a successful picnic this coming summer.

Over the past year we have come a long way improving the financial reporting from each branch. The majority of the branches in the Zone 14 have their reports in on time. There are a couple of lagers but they are improving each month. Thank you branches for the hard work you have been doing to make sure this report is in Command on time.

With respect to membership, we in the Zone 14 have been trying to come up with new ideas in trying to increase membership in the branches. We have not come to a consensus yet as to what program that we can all use at each branch to promote membership. We are all waiting for the new membership program to be installed in each branch as it will cut out a lot of work in processing memberships. As of January 17, Zone has 34.52% percentage paid in 2017. We have 29 new members to date. One concern we have is the number of wrong addresses. This will be taken up with all branches in 2017 to put a push on to reduce this number.

Overall 2016 has been a fairly productive year and the future looks good for 2017.

Respectively Submitted
R Wendell Crowell Commander Zone 14

Zone 15 Report

Zone Commander – Glenn Hobin Br 162
D/Zone Commander - Richard Malin Br 160
Zone Secretary/Treasurer – Glen Leduc Br 161

Zone Sports Officer – Kathy Julien – Br 31
Zone Sgt-At-Arms – Bob Gofton Br 160
Past Zone Commander – Bob Evans – Br 160

Greetings from Zone 15. Below you will see branch reports submitted for the final quarter of 2016. March will see elections for Zone 15 as the 2-year term comes to an end. The term has been a challenging and interesting one with, I am happy to report few (not none) problems with the branches. Finances are always a challenge but the executives continue to work hard to keep the doors open. You will see there were some innovative ideas to fund raise at the branch level but like many Chase The Ace has become a mainstay bringing more than 1 branch's finances back to the black. There seems to be an increase in Art III hearings, whether this is more an awareness of the process or more people not following the rules could be debated for some time. Most branch elections have been held with Caen being in May and Calais being in June. I would like to congratulate and thank the incoming and outgoing executives for their work on behalf of the veterans, the organization and their branches. New presidents elected were Ken Mallet (Br 90); Irva Boutilier (Br 120) and John Meehan (Br 161) remainder have not changed. Finally, as I mentioned this term is over and I would like to thank very much the Zone executive for their hard work and assistance during my term as Zone Commander this past 2 years.

In Comradeship,
Glenn Hobin, Zone 15 Commander

Courcellette Br 58

Elections in Dec with all but one office not filled, Chase the Ace going well with good attendance – up to \$17,000 + Applying for all the grants that are available .Have been chosen as a Warming center for the Community

Branch is in good shape financially and are sharing the Branch with the lions center as they are closed for the winter. Bookings are up and the Hall is busy with daily events. Membership is about 65% complete

And members not renewed will be reminded in the near future - Vance Thompson – President

Dieppe Br 90

2016 The President resigned and the First Vice stepped in till Elections were held in Dec, with only 2 offices not filled. The new Executive is working as a team to move forward.

Applying for Grants that are available to the Legion. Finances are a concern as with other Branches. Have come up with a 10 point plan to improve the Building over the next year. A new Heat pump is being installed. Branches Fund raisers are Wing & Crib Night and Fish & Chips on Friday and Chase the ace. Membership has increased by 10 new members - Ken Mallet-President

Bedford Br 95

The Branch is financial stable due to successful Tuesday night bingo. Completed repairs to the parking lot, interior building upgrades, which including kitchen upgrades. Roof is being monitored. Election of Officers held in Jan, with new and old Ex elected.

By-laws are being amended and H&A moved to April from October. Chase the ace has been won and a new one started in Jan. Looking forward to a prosperous 2017 – Joyce Pitcher -1st VP

Four Harbours Br 120

Branch is holding its own due to a loyal group of Comrades, who work very hard along with Br 161 November was a busy month especially during a successful Veteran's week, 12 Wing Shearwater provided a group and a piper for the Remembrance Day services. The Christmas party raised Money for the burn unit and the first Children's Christmas party was held. Membership count at 62 with a

few new members joining. The building has had a few minor repairs done and now a leak has developed that needs to be repaired. This year will be 70 years for our charter. Irva Boutilier-
President

Valley Br 147

Branch has been doing reasonably well, have installed new oil tank and had furnace up-grades. We have had a very successful Remembrance Day service with one of our Veterans receiving his 65 year service pin and having another Veteran being invited and taking part in the national Remembrance Day service in Ottawa. Both of these Veterans of the Second World War are charter members of our Legion. Elections have been held and have a new membership chairperson who hopefully will increase membership as well as speed up memberships being forwarded as paid. Fundraising events are planned for the coming year and look forward to a prosperous 2017. President: Gary Leslie

Centennial Br 160

This year (2016) noted changes to Centennial Branch in our business model for the Bar Operation; our Branch Elections; Poppy Campaign & Remembrance Day, Bar Operation, Membership, & Trustee Year End Report; and Project 100:

Branch elections held with a full slate of 17 with 3 appointments, Poppy Campaign slightly down, and Remembrance Day had capacity crowd at the Cole Harbour cenotaph with the Honourable JJ Grant in attendance, Bar continues to provide necessary levels of income due to positive changes made in 2016

Membership remains stable but this year 8 senior members died with 2 being past Presidents, Ivan Pelletier and Bob Hession

Finances continue to be monitored and costs saving measures are working well -Project 100 has worked well with prudently spending funds on essential repairs and maintenance of to all areas of the building. A new list developed for the upcoming year. Terry Pond, President

Eastern Marine Br 161

Branch is doing well financially: Grant applied for Canada 150 for replacement of windows and installation of heat pumps. Bingo, Chase the Ace and Trivia are popular draws to the Branch along with the Friday night Suppers. Membership remains stable at approximately 272 for the past 2 years Camp Hill veterans attended the Branch in October, but may decide to take the event to them in the Coming year.

Poppy campaign was successful as were the Remembrance Day Services. A bronze plaque was donated to Eastern Shore High School in Memory of Pte Nathan Smith by CP rail as part of their Remembrance program.

A computer program was designed by one of the members to support the Campaign with date in regard to the activities & accountability to the 8 schools during Remembrance week

A Christmas party was hosted for the local children and 2 gift baskets were donated to families

Elections were held with 15 of the 16 positions filled – New president John Meehan - PP Glen Leduc

Calais Br 162

Chase the Ace every Friday night 6-8pm, jackpot continues to grow.

Continuing to strive make our Legion more visible to the community by working with Sackville Business Association and local radio station CIOE 97.5 FM. Maintenance is ongoing and is on a priority basis, with repairs needed for heat pump, chimney and plumbing. A new fax machine has been donated by a Member. Honours and Awards and Veterans night were well attended and enjoyed by all.

Remembrance Day Services at the Cenotaph was well attended as were the services at Oakridge Memorial Gardens and Sagewood retirement home -Dave Tarr, President

Caen Br 164

Chase the Ace resumed in early January- Grants applied for upgrades and improvements to bathroom facilities and planned fundraising are in the works to supplement the costs.

Oil tank vandalism has been resolved and new oil tank installed – waiting to see savings with the new heat pumps

Election of offices will be held on May 11/17 and celebrations are planned for the 35th anniversary of the Branch

Remembrance Day services well attended and Poppy Campaign was a success

Branch will be Hosting Zone darts on April 1st, 2017 –President Brian Kent

Uniacke and District Br 165

Leagues are running well and many members are preparing for the upcoming Zone events. Monthly Brunch continues the first Sunday of the month with a good attendance from the community and meat darts every Friday.

Chase the Ace fundraiser with our local Ball Association will be on Sat nights along with the resumption of the pool league

Getting quotes and looking into the possibility of Grants and installation of a lift in the Branch – regular maintenance ongoing.

Remembrance Day services and levee were all successful endeavors this year. Poppy Campaign was successful and are waiting for amount of rebate from Poppy Sales for 2016

Elections were held in Dec with offices filled or appointed

Our liaison with the Sea cadets work very well, we support them and they return the kindness with Volunteer work within the Branch and community

3 Delegates will be attending the Provincial convention in May -president - Mabel V. McCarthy

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman – George DellaValle
Member – Glenn Hobin
Member – Conrad Gilbert
Secretary – Valerie Mitchell – Veinotte

The Resolutions Committee reviewed nine (9) submissions from various Branches.

The nine (9), resolutions were reviewed by the Committee via e-mail. The Resolutions reviewed, were presented to Executive Council at the February 26 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 DellaValle
Chairman

RESOLUTIONS – CONCURRED

#1 – NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA

COMMAND	BRANCH/ZONE/DISTRICT
Nova Scotia/Nunavut (08)	Branch 049 Mahone Bay

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

2 – BAR TO THE CF SPECIAL SERVICE MEDAL

COMMAND	BRANCH/ZONE/DISTRICT
Nova Scotia/Nunavut (08)	Branch 049 Mahone Bay

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: 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 the operational and operational-support roles in various North American Aerospace Defence 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 Systems (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 Communications 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"

RESOLUTIONS – NON-CONCURRED

#3 – NOVA SCOTIA RCMP CADET ORGANIZATIONS

COMMAND	BRANCH/ZONE/DISTRICT
Nova Scotia/Nunavut (08)	Branch 161 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".

Comment:

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. 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. This organization does not have a national feel to it and doesn't have a national training program.

Therefore, this Resolution is Non-Concurred.

#4 – LEGION DRESS

COMMAND	BRANCH/ZONE/DISTRICT
Nova Scotia/Nunavut (08)	Branch 161 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.

Comment:

This Resolution refers to the Royal Canadian Legion developing an alternative or variant to the current Legion dress that may 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?

Therefore, this Resolution is Non - Concurred

#5 – LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP PROGRAM

COMMAND	BRANCH/ZONE/DISTRICT
Nova Scotia/Nunavut (08)	Branch 161 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.

Comment:

This Resolutions has to do with the withdrawal of financial support for the NS/NU Command Leadership Training Camp. 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.

Therefore, This Resolution is Non – Concurred.

#6 – TRACK AND FIELD SPORT PROGRAM

COMMAND	BRANCH/ZONE/DISTRICT
Nova Scotia/Nunavut (08)	Branch 161 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: Than 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.

Comment:

The Resolution requests the withdrawal of financial support for the NS/NU Command Track and Field Program. 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.

Therefore, This Resolution is Non – Concurred.

7 – COMMAND SERVICE OFFICERS

COMMAND	BRANCH/ZONE/DISTRICT
Nova Scotia/Nunavut (08)	Branch 161 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 applications 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 benefits 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.

Comment:

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, as a non-profit organization, The Royal Canadian Legion would not be allowed to open 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.

Therefore, this Resolution is Non-Concurred.

#8 – PTF ASSESSMENT

COMMAND	BRANCH/ZONE/DISTRICT
Nova Scotia/Nunavut (08)	Branch 059 Arras

WHEREAS: NS/NU Command informed Branches that the 10% Assessment of the Branches Poppy Trust Fund was implemented because of 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 business was the closure of Veteran’s Affairs Office in Sydney NS and other offices.

WHEREAS: Most Branches have reliable Service Officers that take care of the veteran’s needs without going through NS/NU Command Service Officers. Also the Veteran’s Affairs Office have been reopened.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That NS/NU Command withdraw the 10% Assessment of Branch Poppy Trust Funds, effective Oct. 1, 2016.

Comment

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

#9 – ARTICLE IV DISTRICTS AND ZONES

COMMAND	BRANCH/ZONE/DISTRICT
Nova Scotia/Nunavut (08)	Branch 098 Alvin H. Foster MM Memorial

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

406A 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.

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

Comment:

This Resolution has to deal with voting delegates in Cape Breton District A. The committee doesn't understand why it matters how District A conducts its 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 meetings 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.

Therefore, this Resolution is Non – Concurred



The Royal Canadian Legion
Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command



**APPLICATION TO BRING NON-CONCURRED
RESOLUTION TO THE FLOOR OF CONVENTION**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: _____

PAGE NUMBER: _____

SUBJECT TO WHICH RESOLUTION REFERS:

**ANY ACCREDITED DELEGATE MAY REQUEST THAT A RESOLUTION FROM THE
NON-CONCURRED SECTION OF THE REPORT BE PRESENTED TO THE CONVENTION IF
THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE FULFILLED:**

1. Request must be signed by the District Commander or the District Whip, and also by the Delegate wishing to bring the Resolution forward.
2. The request must be submitted to the Convention Chairperson not later than 9:00 AM, on Monday prior to the commencement of the 2nd Business Session.
3. If these conditions have been met, the Convention Chairman will then have the resolution read and then request the signing delegate to move acceptance of the resolution and begin the debate.

Signed: Whip or DISTRICT COMMANDER: _____

DELEGATE: _____

BRANCH NAME: _____ No.: _____

2017 CREDENTIAL REPORT

DISTRICT/ZONE	ALLOWED	ACCREDITED	PROXY	TOTAL
DISTRICT A				
ZONE 1	19			
ZONE 2	21			
ZONE 3	18			
DISTRICT B				
ZONE 5	10			
ZONE 6	18			
DISTRICT C				
ZONE 7	16			
ZONE 10	21			
DISTRICT D				
ZONE 8	30			
ZONE 9	12			
ZONE 11	8			
DISTRICT E				
ZONE 12	9			
ZONE 13	27			
DISTRICT F				
ZONE 14	33			
ZONE 15	48			
DISTRICT G	15			
SUB TOTALS	305			
PAST PRESIDENTS/COMMAND CHAPLAIN	4			
NS/NU COUNCIL	11			
TOTALS	320			
GUESTS				
OBSERVERS				
TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE				

**THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND
53RD BIENNIAL COMMAND CONVENTION**

NOMINEES FOR ELECTED OFFICE



PRESIDENT

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURER

CHAIRMAN

NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND OFFICERS FOR 2017-2019



PRESIDENT: _____

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: _____

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: _____

TREASURER: _____

CHAIRMAN: _____

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: _____



Convention Report

The Proceedings of the
52nd Biennial Command Convention of
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion
held at
Truro, Nova Scotia
May 16 – 18, 2015



NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND OFFICERS 2015-2017

Patron:	Brigadier-General the Honourable J.J. Grant, CMM, ONS, CD (Ret'd)	
Grand President:	Ted Martens	
Past Presidents:	Jean Marie Deveaux Leslie Nash David Blanchard Fred Mombourquette Clarence E. Dawe Wilfred Edmond Ted Martens	
Command Chaplain:	Reverend Arthur Nash	
Command Executive Council:	Command President	Steve Wessel
	1 st Vice President	Melvin Crowe
	2 nd Vice President	Jay Tofflemire
	Treasurer	Sandra Ehler
	Chairman	Karen Lynch
	Immediate Past President	Ronald Trowsdale
	District A Commander	Ted Martens
	District B Commander	John Rogers
	District C Commander	Robert Hoeg
	District D Commander	Mervin Steadman
	District E Commander	Marion Fryday-Cook
	District F Commander	Rita Connors
	District G Commander	Clark Wolfe
Zone Commanders:	Zone 1	Clifford MacIntyre
	Zone 2	George Dellavalle
	Zone 4 (Acting)	George Dellavalle
	Zone 5	John MacEachern
	Zone 6	William Echlin
	Zone 7	Maggie Phinney
	Zone 8	Conrad Gilbert
	Zone 9	Douglas Moore
	Zone 10	Wilson MacDonald
	Zone 11	Vacant
	Zone 12	Don McCumber
	Zone 13	Darryl Cook
	Zone 14	Wendell Crowell
	Zone 15	Glenn Hobin

2015 – 52ND COMMAND BIENNIAL CONVENTION REPORT

The 52nd Biennial Convention of Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command of The Royal Canadian Legion was hosted by Colchester Branch 26 from Saturday 16 May 2015 to Tuesday 18 May 2015.

Attendance

There were 200 accredited delegates in attendance carrying 130 proxies, for a total voting strength of 330. In attendance were 5 Past Presidents, the Command Chaplain and Command staff as required.

The convention's special guests were the Lt. Governor of Nova Scotia, His Honour Brigadier – General The Honourable J.J. Grant, CMM, ONS, CD (Ret'd), RCL Dominion Command President Tom Eagles, guests from Prince Edward Island Command, New Brunswick Command and for presentation, Comrade Medic Cousineau of Paws Fur Thought.

Wreath Laying and Opening Ceremonies

On Sunday morning Legionnaires paraded to the town of Truro's cenotaph where the wreath laying ceremony was carried out. Wreaths were laid by His Honour J.J. Grant, local dignitaries, as well as the three levels of the Legion; representing Dominion Command - Dominion President Tom Eagles; representing NS/NU Command – President Ronald Trowsdale and representing the host Branch #26, President Jerry Tucker.

The convention's opening ceremonies directly followed the wreath laying and were held at Branch 26 M.C'd by Command Chairman Comrade Gary Higgins. His Honour J.J. Grant was the convention's guest speaker and upon completion of his speech His Honour officially opened the convention. Greetings were expressed by individuals representing the government of Canada, the province of N.S., Colchester County, all levels of the Legion and by our Maritime Provincial Command guests. The Resolution of Loyalty was read by NS/NU Command Immediate Past President Comrade Jean Marie Deveaux.

Convention Business

The business started promptly at 1 pm Sunday afternoon. NS/NU Command President Ronald Trowsdale reported on his two years in office. In closing he thanked all members of NS/NU Command for the privilege of allowing him to serve as Command President.

Comrade Steve Wessel, Finance and Building Committee Chairman, reported NS/NU Commands' financial position and Auditors Collins Barrow were approved for the fiscal year 2015.

Towards the end of the first afternoon of business The Royal Canadian Legion Dominion President addressed the Convention on the matter of membership and the future of the organization.

On Monday as part of the Veterans Outreach Committee report Paws Fur Thought co-founder Medic Cousineau addressed the convention with updates in the work of the program in pairing Veterans with PTSD with specially trained service dogs as well as the establishment of Canadian standards for PTSD service dogs and legislation surrounding access with PTSD service dogs.

At the submission deadline 23 resolutions had been received by the Resolutions Committee. Of these, 11 were concurred by the committee and presented to the delegates.

The nominations and elections for the Sub-Executive Committee of NS/NU Command for the years 2015-2017 were held on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning with RCL Dominion President Tom

Eagles chairing. Comrade Steve Wessel of Branch 160 was declared elected as President, Comrade Melvin Crowe of Branch 138 as 1st Vice President, Comrade Jay Tofflemire of Branch 161 as 2nd Vice President, Comrade Karen Lynch of Branch 161 as Command Chairman and Comrade Sandra Ehler of Branch 46 to the position of Treasurer.

All Command Officers were installed into their respective offices by Dominion Command President, Comrade Tom Eagles.

Branch 26 Local Arrangements Committee under the Chairmanship of Comrade Murray Dawson provided excellent entertainment, meals and transportation for the Officers, guests and delegates. The branch was always ready and willing to go out of their way when required to fulfil their role as convention host branch. Many thanks are extended to the LAC, branch membership and Ladies Auxiliary.

The new Command President, Comrade Steve Wessel, addressed the convention and pledged his commitment to forwarding the goals and objectives of this great organization as NS/NU Command President.

The convention was closed according to ritual by the Chairman, Comrade Karen Lynch with a call for all delegates to gather for our next convention at Bridgewater Branch #24 in 2017.

RULES FOR ELECTION

1. The preliminary nominations will be held on Sunday at a time decided by the Chairman.
2. Nominations will be accepted for the following offices: Command President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Chairman.
3. The actual rules for the elections will be read prior to the time of the elections on Monday.
4. On Monday, at a time decided by the Chairman, the Election Chairperson will again open nominations for the elected offices.
5. Nominations will be posted in the order received.
6. No person may be nominated unless he or she is present and accepts the nomination or has signified his/her intention in writing.
7. Nominations will be declared open for the next office after each office has been filled.
8. All unsuccessful candidates for the office of President may be nominated for the office of 1st Vice President.
9. No nominations will be accepted unless the person being nominated has agreed beforehand to stand for office for which he/she is nominated.
10. At the time of the elections on Monday, the following rules will be read for the benefit of the convention:
 - A. If only 2 candidates are in contention for an office, the candidate receiving the majority of votes cast will be elected [at least 50% +1].
 - B. If 3 candidates are in contention for an office, the winning candidate must have at least 50% + 1 of the votes cast in order to be elected.
 - i. if there is no clear winner on the first ballot, the low vote-getter will be dropped and a second ballot will be held between the two high candidates.
 - C. If 4 or more candidates are offering for an office the following rules apply:
 - i. any candidate or candidates for an office not receiving at least 15% of the votes cast is immediately dropped from the ballot.
 - ii. the election will then proceed, dropping the lowest vote-getter until one candidate receives at least 50% + 1 of the votes cast and is declared elected.
11. For the office of 2nd Vice President, the following rules also apply:
 - A. Following the election of the President and 1st Vice President, the meeting will be open for nominations for 2nd Vice President.
 - B. Following the close of nominations for the office of 2nd Vice President, the candidates will be brought to the front of the meeting and introduced to the members on the floor.

- C. At this time the candidates will also be questioned by the Election Chairperson as their willingness to stand for election.

If the candidate agrees to stand for office, the following procedure will be followed:

- i. The nominator or person chosen by the candidate will be permitted to briefly outline the candidates' Legion background and qualifications for office.
- ii. Following the two minute introduction of the candidates, they will proceed to their seats with the nominators or introducers; and
- iii. The election will then take place for the office of 2nd Vice President.

NOTE: It is not mandatory to have the nominator introduce the candidate with a two minute speech. If the candidate wishes to decline the opportunity, he/she may do so.

12. Immediately following the election of officers, the Installation will take place following the procedure outlined in the Ritual & Insignia Manual.
13. Immediately prior to the Installation, a motion will be accepted for the destruction of the ballots used in the election.

VOTING PROCEDURE – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Only accredited delegates on the floor may vote.
2. A booklet containing ballots will be issued to each accredited delegate. Separate booklets will be provided for each proxy held.
3. Proxy ballots will be issued only to those entitled to them, according to the records of the Credential Committee.
4. Names of candidates will be posted in order of nomination.
5. The Election Chairperson will designate the ballot to be used by number and colour.
6. The method of voting will be to place the name of the candidate to be voted on the appropriate ballot. Do not write on any ballot until instructed by the Election Chairperson.
7. Before ballot vote commences, the Election Chairperson will order the doors to be tiled. The Sergeant-at-Arms will ensure that all doors and exits are guarded and no one may enter or leave the convention hall until after the vote has been completed and the Election Chairperson so orders.
8.
 - A. When balloting is for the election of a single officer, the candidate receiving the majority of the votes shall be elected.
 - B. If no candidate received a majority vote or received a majority of the total votes cast on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be held, deleting the name of the candidate receiving the least number of votes on the first ballot.
 - C. However, if the total of the votes received by the two with the lowest number of votes is less than the votes received by the candidate with the next lowest number of votes, the names of the two with the lowest number of votes shall be deleted from subsequent ballots.
9.
 - A. When the balloting is for the election of more than one officer, delegates may vote for up to, but not more than, the number of officers to be elected.
 - B. A person may not vote more than once on the ballot for any candidate.
 - C. The ballots shall be in a form approved by the Command.
 - D. Ballots not marked in conformity to this section shall not be counted.
 - E. The candidates receiving a majority of the ballots cast shall be elected.
10. If one or more, but not all, candidates receive a majority of the first ballot, a second ballot shall be held for the office, deleting the names of the candidates with the lowest number of votes on the first ballot.
11. Whenever on any ballot no candidate is elected, the name of the candidate who received the lowest number of votes shall be deleted from subsequent ballots, provided that:

- A. If the total of the votes received by the two (2) with the lowest number of votes is less than the votes received by the candidate with the next lowest number of votes, the names of the two with the lowest number of votes shall be deleted from subsequent ballots; and
 - B. Similarly, if the three (3) candidates having the lowest number of votes do not have a total vote equal to that of the candidate having the next lowest number of votes, their names shall be deleted from subsequent ballot.
12. Command Convention may, by resolution, carried by two thirds (2/3) majority of the total votes cast, amend or adopt such rules to govern voting as may be necessary.
 13. If the presiding Officer is a delegate he shall vote as such when the ballot is taken.
 14. When the vote stands equally for or against the question, the presiding officer shall declare the resolution or motion lost.
 15. All motions shall be presented in the affirmative form.

PROVINCIAL COMMAND POPPY TRUST FUND STATUS REPORT – ANNEX A

COMMAND	NS/NU	DATE OF COMPLETION:	FEB.16 2017
POPPY TRUST FUND STATEMENT		2015 CAMPAIGN	
REPORTING PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2015 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2016			
OPENING BALANCE			
A	BALANCE IN BRANCH POPPY TRUST FUNDS AS OF 1 OCTOBER 2015 (YR)	\$ 698,072.42 (A)	
B	INCOME FROM ALL CAMPAIGN AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 1,373,573.79 (B)	
C	SUB TOTAL A+B=C		\$ 2,071,646.21 (C)
D	CAMPAIGN MATERIAL EXPENSES	\$ 637,064.30 (D)	
E	DISBURSEMENTS (Including assessments levied by Provincial Command)	\$ 929,345.46 (E)	
F	TOTAL EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS	D+E=F	\$ 1,566,409.76 (F)
CLOSING BALANCE			
G	BALANCE IN BRANCH POPPY TRUST FUND AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2016 (YR)		\$ 505,236.45 (G)

BRANCH PARTICIPATION	
NUMBER OF BRANCHES IN THE COMMAND	105
NUMBER OF BRANCHES INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN	103
NUMBER OF BRANCHES REPORTING	103

PROVINCIAL COMMAND CENTRAL POPPY FUND	
BALANCE OF THE CENTRAL POPPY FUND AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2016 (YR)	\$ 631,268.37
Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte	PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

2015-16 BRANCH POPPY TRUST FUND REPORT

BR NO	NAME	OCT 1 BAL (A)	INCOME (B)	TOTAL INC (C)	EXPENSES (D)	ALL DISBURSE (D)	TOTAL EXP (F)	BALANCE (G)
ZONE 1								
8	BRETON	\$ 6,920.99	\$ 9,844.00	\$ 16,764.99	\$ 7,417.69	\$ 6,434.99	\$ 13,852.68	\$ 2,912.31
19	ARMSTRONG MEM.	\$ 9,262.47	\$ 26,962.10	\$ 36,224.57	\$ 12,018.17	\$ 18,171.55	\$ 30,189.72	\$ 6,034.85
53	VICTORIA	\$ 2,962.20	\$ 7,262.20	\$ 10,224.40	\$ 5,482.22	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,982.22	\$ 3,242.18
83	FLORENCE	\$ 5,302.29	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 12,702.29	\$ 3,194.22	\$ 4,455.76	\$ 7,649.98	\$ 5,052.31
105	NORTH INGONISH	\$ 1,341.57	\$ 8,018.90	\$ 9,360.47	\$ 2,347.10	\$ 3,346.98	\$ 5,694.08	\$ 3,666.39
124	GRANDONA	\$ 458.50	\$ 2,004.75	\$ 2,463.25	\$ 11.11	\$ 1,725.85	\$ 1,736.96	\$ 726.29
126	WESTSIDE	\$ (1,716.18)	\$ 7,677.76	\$ 5,961.58	\$ 4,501.30	\$ 5,373.98	\$ 9,875.28	\$ (3,913.70)
151	EAST BAY	\$ 13,764.51	\$ 12,879.15	\$ 26,643.66	\$ 3,312.31	\$ 5,625.75	\$ 8,938.06	\$ 17,705.60
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 38,296.35	\$ 82,048.86	\$ 120,345.21	\$ 38,284.12	\$ 46,634.86	\$ 84,918.98	\$ 35,426.23
ZONE 2								
3	GLACE BAY	\$ 3,159.65	\$ 23,433.00	\$ 26,592.65	\$ 12,609.07	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 24,109.07	\$ 2,483.58
5	DONKIN	\$ 3,588.95	\$ 3,651.25	\$ 7,240.20	\$ 3,111.90	\$ 1,345.90	\$ 4,457.80	\$ 2,782.40
12	SYDNEY	\$ 3,432.51	\$ 15,631.00	\$ 19,063.51	\$ 5,287.39	\$ 9,465.68	\$ 14,753.07	\$ 4,310.44
15	NEW WATERFORD	\$ 12,329.44	\$ 12,364.00	\$ 24,693.44	\$ 7,355.88	\$ 11,186.55	\$ 18,542.43	\$ 6,151.01
55	PORT MORIEN	\$ 2,231.32	\$ 3,160.60	\$ 5,391.92		\$ 3,416.00	\$ 3,416.00	\$ 1,975.92
62	LOUISBOURG	\$ 6,614.47	\$ 4,781.64	\$ 11,396.11	\$ 826.14	\$ 4,520.80	\$ 5,346.94	\$ 6,049.17
78	DOMINION	\$ 3,529.76	\$ 3,680.70	\$ 7,210.46	\$ 4,393.25	\$ 2,125.36	\$ 6,518.61	\$ 691.85
128	WHITNEY PIER	\$ 1,845.09	\$ 17,784.35	\$ 19,629.44	\$ 7,181.83	\$ 11,973.27	\$ 19,155.10	\$ 474.34
138	ASHBY	\$ 2,594.78	\$ 32,077.00	\$ 34,671.78	\$ 10,599.85	\$ 22,664.84	\$ 33,264.69	\$ 1,407.09
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 39,325.97	\$ 116,563.54	\$ 155,889.51	\$ 51,365.31	\$ 78,198.40	\$ 129,563.71	\$ 26,325.80
ZONE 3								
32	CHETICAMP	\$ 4,782.11	\$ 10,153.86	\$ 14,935.97	\$ 2,913.14	\$ 9,936.20	\$ 12,849.34	\$ 2,086.63
43	PORT HAWKESBURY	\$ 9,079.55	\$ 21,467.16	\$ 30,546.71	\$ 18,773.70	\$ 7,803.50	\$ 26,577.20	\$ 3,969.51
47	ST. PETERS	\$ 2,372.10	\$ 14,067.28	\$ 16,439.38	\$ 6,169.39	\$ 8,109.19	\$ 14,278.58	\$ 2,160.80
110	LARDOISE	\$ 8,212.67	\$ 4,310.95	\$ 12,523.62	\$ 3,032.01	\$ 1,821.26	\$ 4,853.27	\$ 7,670.35
123	WHYCOCOMAGH	\$ 9,288.78	\$ 3,653.99	\$ 12,942.77	\$ 1,743.92	\$ 1,733.18	\$ 3,477.10	\$ 9,465.67
132	INVERNESS	\$ 8,197.48	\$ 18,097.95	\$ 26,295.43	\$ 7,738.08	\$ 7,475.67	\$ 15,213.75	\$ 11,081.68
150	ISLE MADAME	\$ 1,533.94	\$ 6,613.87	\$ 8,147.81	\$ 6,897.81	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 8,147.81	\$ (0.00)
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 43,466.63	\$ 78,365.06	\$ 121,831.69	\$ 47,268.05	\$ 38,129.00	\$ 85,397.05	\$ 36,434.64

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ZONE 5								
37	CAMBRAI	\$ 4,372.59	\$ 4,018.05	\$ 8,390.64	\$ 2,456.92	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,956.92	\$ 3,433.72
46	CHEDABUCTO	\$ 1,062.40	\$ 4,125.65	\$ 5,188.05	\$ 3,057.43	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,057.43	\$ 1,130.62
56	SHERBROOKE	\$ 4,150.80	\$ 3,320.86	\$ 7,471.66	\$ 1,835.87	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 5,535.87	\$ 1,935.79
59	ARRAS	\$ 5,970.82	\$ 31,759.72	\$ 37,730.54	\$ 19,718.95	\$ 17,928.98	\$ 37,647.93	\$ 82.61
81	GUYSBOROUGH	\$ 1,759.68	\$ 4,696.22	\$ 6,455.90	\$ 2,259.14	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 4,609.14	\$ 1,846.76
86	LISCOME	\$ 1,296.98	\$ 532.21	\$ 1,829.19	\$ 120.60	\$ 659.98	\$ 780.58	\$ 1,048.61
117	TOR BAY	\$ 555.84	\$ 4,129.50	\$ 4,685.34	\$ 4,015.11	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,115.11	\$ 570.23
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 19,169.11	\$ 52,582.21	\$ 71,751.32	\$ 33,464.02	\$ 28,238.96	\$ 61,702.98	\$ 10,048.34
ZONE 6								
16	PICTOU	\$ 1,494.33	\$ 10,890.25	\$ 12,384.58	\$ 9,736.33	\$ 4,121.06	\$ 13,857.39	\$ (1,472.81)
28	STELLARTON	\$ 2,773.69	\$ 13,924.93	\$ 16,698.62	\$ 10,365.54	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 13,365.54	\$ 3,333.08
29	TRENTON	\$ 1,472.53	\$ 7,071.36	\$ 8,543.89	\$ 5,444.03	\$ 2,980.63	\$ 8,424.66	\$ 119.23
34	NORMANDY	\$ 3,764.47	\$ 19,307.66	\$ 23,072.13	\$ 16,357.82	\$ 5,964.01	\$ 22,321.83	\$ 750.30
35	WESTVILLE	\$ 4,050.20	\$ 11,186.18	\$ 15,236.38	\$ 8,014.90	\$ 2,731.04	\$ 10,745.94	\$ 4,490.44
108	RIVER JOHN	\$ 701.65	\$ 5,556.52	\$ 6,258.17	\$ 3,309.70	\$ 1,118.73	\$ 4,428.43	\$ 1,829.74
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 14,256.87	\$ 67,936.90	\$ 82,193.77	\$ 53,228.32	\$ 19,915.47	\$ 73,143.79	\$ 9,049.98
ZONE 7								
4	JOGGINS	\$ 392.23	\$ 856.00	\$ 1,248.23	\$ 254.65	\$ 500.00	\$ 754.65	\$ 493.58
10	AMHERST	\$ 9,782.20	\$ 18,207.35	\$ 27,989.55	\$ 7,827.97	\$ 10,791.82	\$ 18,619.79	\$ 9,369.76
14	RIVER HEBERT	\$ 4,428.55	\$ 1,869.96	\$ 6,298.51	\$ 39.56	\$ 742.86	\$ 782.42	\$ 5,516.09
17	SPRINGHILL	\$ 9,950.86	\$ 1,726.51	\$ 11,677.37	\$ 1,472.84	\$ 5,280.04	\$ 6,752.88	\$ 4,924.49
36	OXFORD	\$ 843.35	\$ 5,945.65	\$ 6,789.00	\$ 2,540.51	\$ 2,655.38	\$ 5,195.89	\$ 1,593.11
45	PARRSBORO	\$ 503.05	\$ 9,617.10	\$ 10,120.15	\$ 1,082.02	\$ 3,394.37	\$ 4,476.39	\$ 5,643.76
60	PUGWASH	\$ 8,277.89	\$ 7,426.40	\$ 15,704.29	\$ 5,028.19	\$ 4,680.41	\$ 9,708.60	\$ 5,995.69
97	MALAGASH	\$ 1,968.79	\$ 1,045.60	\$ 3,014.39	\$ 790.73	\$ 296.88	\$ 1,087.61	\$ 1,926.78
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 36,146.92	\$ 46,694.57	\$ 82,841.49	\$ 19,036.47	\$ 28,341.76	\$ 47,378.23	\$ 35,463.26

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ZONE 8								
6	KINGS	\$ 2,529.45	\$ 31,508.67	\$ 34,038.12	\$ 13,427.53	\$ 15,532.74	\$ 28,960.27	\$ 5,077.85
9	HANTS CO	\$ 13,236.27	\$ 32,281.23	\$ 45,517.50	\$ 6,420.95	\$ 30,464.24	\$ 36,885.19	\$ 8,632.31
69	ORTONA	\$ 11,211.25	\$ 14,078.40	\$ 25,289.65	\$ 3,112.27	\$ 11,486.88	\$ 14,599.15	\$ 10,690.50
73	HABITANT	\$ 2,023.94	\$ 4,506.42	\$ 6,530.36	\$ 500.26	\$ 4,202.39	\$ 4,702.65	\$ 1,827.71
74	DR C.B. LUMSDEN	\$ 13,479.71	\$ 5,867.19	\$ 19,346.90	\$ 2,037.25	\$ 3,837.64	\$ 5,874.89	\$ 13,472.01
98	ALVIN FOSTER MM	\$ 3,665.36	\$ 27,826.45	\$ 31,491.81	\$ 11,775.20	\$ 16,162.43	\$ 27,937.63	\$ 3,554.18
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 46,145.98	\$ 116,068.36	\$ 162,214.34	\$ 37,273.46	\$ 81,686.32	\$ 118,959.78	\$ 43,254.56
ZONE 9								
1	MIDDLETON	\$ 2,458.96	\$ 6,309.30	\$ 8,768.26	\$ 1,247.55	\$ 6,324.90	\$ 7,572.45	\$ 1,195.81
21	PORT ROYAL	\$ 1,271.07	\$ 4,022.61	\$ 5,293.68	\$ 967.30	\$ 3,637.11	\$ 4,604.41	\$ 689.27
33	BRIDGETOWN	\$ 1,862.64	\$ 7,026.15	\$ 8,888.79	\$ 1,167.26	\$ 6,271.15	\$ 7,438.41	\$ 1,450.38
112	LAWRENCETOWN	\$ 151.52	\$ 3,423.48	\$ 3,575.00	\$ 285.14	\$ 2,999.77	\$ 3,284.91	\$ 290.09
122	CLEMENTSPORT	\$ 1,921.56	\$ 3,378.95	\$ 5,300.51	\$ 576.48	\$ 3,443.64	\$ 4,020.12	\$ 1,280.39
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 7,665.75	\$ 24,160.49	\$ 31,826.24	\$ 4,243.73	\$ 22,676.57	\$ 26,920.30	\$ 4,905.94
ZONE 10								
26	COLCHESTER	\$ 35,626.18	\$ 48,193.09	\$ 83,819.27	\$ 27,517.41	\$ 42,191.76	\$ 69,709.17	\$ 14,110.10
64	TATAMAGOUCHE	\$ 2,126.14	\$ 7,256.70	\$ 9,382.84	\$ 4,998.72	\$ 1,750.61	\$ 6,749.33	\$ 2,633.51
70	STEWIACKE	\$ 3,943.05	\$ 6,881.05	\$ 10,824.10	\$ 4,751.75	\$ 3,204.93	\$ 7,956.68	\$ 2,867.42
72	COBEQUID	\$ 5,740.93	\$ 10,926.22	\$ 16,667.15	\$ 3,226.48	\$ 6,424.09	\$ 9,650.57	\$ 7,016.58
106	DEBERT	\$ (1,166.35)	\$ 6,536.27	\$ 5,369.92	\$ 3,583.10	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 5,633.10	\$ (263.18)
111	SHUBENACADIE	\$ 2,681.93	\$ 4,288.26	\$ 6,970.19	\$ 3,685.03	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 5,435.03	\$ 1,535.16
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 48,951.88	\$ 84,081.59	\$ 133,033.47	\$ 47,762.49	\$ 57,371.39	\$ 105,133.88	\$ 27,899.59
ZONE 11								
20	DIGBY	\$ 3,492.44	\$ 13,849.55	\$ 17,341.99	\$ 2,653.95	\$ 8,488.49	\$ 11,142.44	\$ 6,199.55
22	BEAR RIVER	\$ 8,591.87	\$ 4,209.90	\$ 12,801.77	\$ 1,251.75	\$ 2,414.57	\$ 3,666.32	\$ 9,135.45
52	CLARE	\$ 4,347.89	\$ 5,245.25	\$ 9,593.14	\$ 2,714.64	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 6,114.64	\$ 3,478.50
67	WEYMOUTH	\$ 1,675.38	\$ 3,581.40	\$ 5,256.78	\$ 2,467.94	\$ 718.60	\$ 3,186.54	\$ 2,070.24
92	CAPRIQUET	\$ 1,842.85	\$ 3,504.63	\$ 5,347.48	\$ 3,622.79	\$ 1,784.29	\$ 5,407.08	\$ (59.60)
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 19,950.43	\$ 30,390.73	\$ 50,341.16	\$ 12,711.07	\$ 16,805.95	\$ 29,517.02	\$ 20,824.14

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ZONE 12								
61	YARMOUTH	\$ 14,663.47	\$ 27,129.95	\$ 41,793.42	\$ 15,546.60	\$ 4,416.35	\$ 19,962.95	\$ 21,830.47
66	WEST PUBNICO	\$ 1,223.11	\$ 6,112.23	\$ 7,335.34	\$ 4,560.68	\$ 2,570.00	\$ 7,130.68	\$ 204.66
80	LOCKEPORT	\$ 1,230.54	\$ 12,628.47	\$ 13,859.01	\$ 11,695.86	\$ 390.00	\$ 12,085.86	\$ 1,773.15
148	CAPE SABLE	\$ 5,115.83	\$ 16,854.93	\$ 21,970.76	\$ 8,564.71	\$ 1,652.61	\$ 10,217.32	\$ 11,753.44
155	WEDGEPORT	\$ 77.25	\$ 8,933.02	\$ 9,010.27	\$ 5,899.66	\$ 2,954.69	\$ 8,854.35	\$ 155.92
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 22,310.20	\$ 71,658.60	\$ 93,968.80	\$ 46,267.51	\$ 11,983.65	\$ 58,251.16	\$ 35,717.64
ZONE 13								
23	LUNENBURG	\$ 5,959.18	\$ 11,591.79	\$ 17,550.97	\$ 10,245.56	\$ 5,795.92	\$ 16,041.48	\$ 1,509.49
24	BRIDGEWATER	\$ 8,956.86	\$ 36,760.20	\$ 45,717.06	\$ 15,160.91	\$ 24,138.99	\$ 39,299.90	\$ 6,417.16
38	MERSEY	\$ 95.69	\$ 17,521.00	\$ 17,616.69	\$ 5,192.54	\$ 12,360.89	\$ 17,553.43	\$ 63.26
44	F.E. BUTLER	\$ 2,267.76	\$ 10,746.43	\$ 13,014.19	\$ 8,328.16	\$ 4,438.41	\$ 12,766.57	\$ 247.62
49	MAHONE BAY	\$ 5,795.06	\$ 9,077.75	\$ 14,872.81	\$ 5,437.27	\$ 7,567.11	\$ 13,004.38	\$ 1,868.43
79	NEW ROSS	\$ 4,048.14	\$ 3,348.33	\$ 7,396.47	\$ 995.50	\$ 3,123.79	\$ 4,119.29	\$ 3,277.18
88	EVERETT	\$ 974.76	\$ 1,354.05	\$ 2,328.81	\$ 9.44	\$ 177.48	\$ 186.92	\$ 2,141.89
102	NEW GERMANY	\$ 546.79	\$ 5,299.15	\$ 5,845.94	\$ 1,067.80	\$ 4,480.00	\$ 5,547.80	\$ 298.14
144	HARDING	\$ 4,256.05	\$ 2,349.53	\$ 6,605.58	\$ 2,895.48	\$ 1,520.89	\$ 4,416.37	\$ 2,189.21
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 32,900.29	\$ 98,048.23	\$ 130,948.52	\$ 49,332.66	\$ 63,603.48	\$ 112,936.14	\$ 18,012.38
ZONE 14								
BRANCHES 27 & 129 (Br 129)		\$ 86,367.92	\$ 82,161.42	\$ 168,529.34	\$ 45,632.91	\$ 85,182.27	\$ 130,815.18	\$ 37,714.16
48	ELMSDALE	\$ 7,644.88	\$ 14,533.82	\$ 22,178.70	\$ 6,450.60	\$ 9,011.83	\$ 15,462.43	\$ 6,716.27
116	ST. MARGARET'S BAY	\$ 22,275.04	\$ 16,303.25	\$ 38,578.29	\$ 10,643.73	\$ 6,927.50	\$ 17,571.23	\$ 21,007.06
133	MONTGOMERY	\$ 2,647.67	\$ 11,040.61	\$ 13,688.28	\$ 3,863.95	\$ 7,663.33	\$ 11,527.28	\$ 2,161.00
142	FAIRVIEW	\$ 45,916.22	\$ 52,068.55	\$ 97,984.77	\$ 12,163.47	\$ 33,424.75	\$ 45,588.22	\$ 52,396.55
152	SPRYFIELD	\$ 3,022.66	\$ 25,027.90	\$ 28,050.56	\$ 7,800.44	\$ 17,150.17	\$ 24,950.61	\$ 3,099.95
153	ATLANTIC	\$ 9,489.86	\$ 5,758.75	\$ 15,248.61	\$ 3,821.29	\$ 2,448.99	\$ 6,270.28	\$ 8,978.33
156	MACDONALD MEM	\$ 13,712.66	\$ 5,386.36	\$ 19,099.02	\$ 1,414.79	\$ 12,698.96	\$ 14,113.75	\$ 4,985.27
166	HANTS NORTH	\$ 2,155.30	\$ 5,044.00	\$ 7,199.30	\$ 4,445.99	\$ 1,215.53	\$ 5,661.52	\$ 1,537.78
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 193,232.21	\$ 217,324.66	\$ 410,556.87	\$ 96,237.17	\$ 175,723.33	\$ 271,960.50	\$ 138,596.37

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ZONE 15								
31	SOMME	\$ 31,980.56	\$ 43,611.60	\$ 75,592.16	\$ 28,727.40	\$ 40,755.80	\$ 69,483.20	\$ 6,108.96
58	COURCELETTE	\$ 1,878.58	\$ 7,454.00	\$ 9,332.58	\$ 5,409.98	\$ 2,064.00	\$ 7,473.98	\$ 1,858.60
90	DIEPPE	\$ 9,751.56	\$ 325.60	\$ 10,077.16	\$ 2,870.24	\$ 9,101.91	\$ 11,972.15	\$ (1,894.99)
95	BEDFORD	\$ 11,954.14	\$ 44,320.45	\$ 56,274.59	\$ 8,650.43	\$ 38,400.00	\$ 47,050.43	\$ 9,224.16
120	FOUR HARBOURS	\$ 1,989.36	\$ 7,745.15	\$ 9,734.51	\$ 3,639.86	\$ 2,537.91	\$ 6,177.77	\$ 3,556.74
147	VALLEY	\$ 1,004.63	\$ 2,203.19	\$ 3,207.82	\$ 1,862.21	\$ 1,304.63	\$ 3,166.84	\$ 40.98
160	CENTENNIAL	\$ 45,959.01	\$ 83,343.74	\$ 129,302.75	\$ 18,478.66	\$ 99,503.92	\$ 117,982.58	\$ 11,320.17
161	EASTERN MARINE	\$ 20,599.80	\$ 17,835.01	\$ 38,434.81	\$ 2,916.23	\$ 15,480.69	\$ 18,396.92	\$ 20,037.89
162	CALAIS	\$ 9,286.51	\$ 48,370.80	\$ 57,657.31	\$ 17,304.49	\$ 35,106.95	\$ 52,411.44	\$ 5,245.87
164	CAEN	\$ 407.85	\$ 19,307.00	\$ 19,714.85	\$ 7,085.71	\$ 12,540.79	\$ 19,626.50	\$ 88.35
165	MT UNIACKE & DIST.	\$ 927.28	\$ 6,119.24	\$ 7,046.52	\$ 3,608.71	\$ 3,239.72	\$ 6,848.43	\$ 198.09
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 135,739.28	\$ 280,635.78	\$ 416,375.06	\$ 100,553.92	\$ 260,036.32	\$ 360,590.24	\$ 55,784.82
168	IQALUIT	\$ 514.55	\$ 7,014.21	\$ 7,528.76	\$ 36.00	\$ -	\$ 36.00	\$ 7,492.76
169	RANKIN INLET			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 514.55	\$ 7,014.21	\$ 7,528.76	\$ 36.00	\$ -	\$ 36.00	\$ 7,492.76
	TOTALS	\$ 698,072.42	\$ 1,373,573.79	\$ 2,071,646.21	\$ 637,064.30	\$ 929,345.46	\$ 1,566,409.76	\$ 505,236.45

**THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
NOVA SCOTIA / NUNAVUT COMMAND**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Executive Council of:

The Royal Canadian Legion - Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **The Royal Canadian Legion - Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2015 and the statements of operations and changes in fund balances, and cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies, schedules and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis of our audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many non-profit organizations, the **The Royal Canadian Legion - Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command** derives revenue from various sources including donations, fundraising and lottery, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Command and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, excess of revenues over expenses, assets and fund balances.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects, if any, of the matter in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **The Royal Canadian Legion - Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command** as at December 31, 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
April 15, 2016



Chartered Accountants

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

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	General Fund	Poppy Fund	Lotto Sweep Fund	Elsie Lambert Fund	Benevolent Fund	Veteran Units/Wing Fund	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUES								
Assessed poppy	-	64,177	-	-	-	-	64,177	78,898
Donations	31,538	55	-	-	37,038	-	68,631	75,339
Interest income	13,443	3,670	-	5,510	2,466	156	25,245	19,107
Lotto sweep tickets	-	-	55,197	-	-	-	55,197	59,718
Other income	9,511	-	-	-	-	-	9,511	10,897
Paws Fur Thought	-	-	-	-	96,864	-	96,864	154,218
Per capita tax	246,632	-	-	-	-	-	246,632	254,514
Poppy	3,770	485,850	-	-	-	-	489,620	433,728
Royalty - VSR Booklet	90,196	-	-	-	-	-	90,196	91,462
Torch	5,540	-	-	-	-	-	5,540	10,730
Veterans outreach program	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000	14,000
	<u>400,630</u>	<u>553,752</u>	<u>55,197</u>	<u>5,510</u>	<u>146,368</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>1,161,613</u>	<u>1,202,611</u>
EXPENSES								
Administration (Schedule)	130,899	115,147	29,293	10	135	-	275,484	287,944
Amortization	15,563	-	-	-	-	-	15,563	16,176
Branch assistance	2,830	-	-	-	-	-	2,830	-
Conventions (Schedule)	22,716	-	-	-	-	-	22,716	11,236
Lotto sweep prizes	-	-	27,300	-	-	-	27,300	27,100
Occupancy (Schedule)	27,474	7,228	-	-	-	-	34,702	25,006
Officers and committees (Schedule)	43,740	7,430	309	-	-	19,778	71,257	46,463
Paws Fur Thought	-	-	-	-	110,385	-	110,385	58,783
Poppy	1,032	397,958	-	-	-	-	398,990	354,531
Programs (Schedule)	58,801	13,690	-	4,000	20,016	-	96,507	122,291
Sports (Schedule)	11,649	-	-	-	-	-	11,649	23,260
Torch	8,800	-	-	-	-	-	8,800	11,935
	<u>323,504</u>	<u>541,453</u>	<u>56,902</u>	<u>4,010</u>	<u>130,536</u>	<u>19,778</u>	<u>1,076,183</u>	<u>984,725</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM ACTIVITIES	77,126	12,299	(1,705)	1,500	15,832	(19,622)	85,430	217,886
GAIN ON DISPOSAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,610
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	77,126	12,299	(1,705)	1,500	15,832	(19,622)	85,430	254,496
FUND BALANCES - beginning of year	<u>1,341,427</u>	<u>167,820</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>209,039</u>	<u>219,786</u>	<u>50,467</u>	<u>1,989,539</u>	<u>1,735,043</u>
	1,418,553	180,119	(705)	210,539	235,618	30,845	2,074,969	1,989,539
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	<u>57,967</u>	<u>(69,928)</u>	<u>785</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,718</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES - end of year	<u>1,476,520</u>	<u>110,191</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>210,539</u>	<u>246,336</u>	<u>31,303</u>	<u>2,074,969</u>	<u>1,989,539</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015

ASSETS								
	General Fund	Poppy Fund	Lotto Sweep Fund	Elsie Lambert Fund	Benevolent Fund	Veteran Units/Wing Fund	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT								
Cash	62,258	450	-	-	-	-	62,708	67,796
Cash - restricted	236,518	376,535	80	6,214	246,336	31,303	896,986	834,388
Investments (Note 3)	273,015	-	-	-	-	-	273,015	184,204
Accounts receivable	108,292	-	-	-	-	-	108,292	102,177
Inventory	2,548	16,997	-	-	-	-	19,545	25,516
Due from Poppy Fund	283,791	-	-	-	-	-	283,791	197,898
Prepays	3,175	-	-	-	-	-	3,175	2,388
	969,597	393,982	80	6,214	246,336	31,303	1,647,512	1,414,367
INVESTMENTS (Note 3)	247,036	-	-	204,325	-	-	451,361	540,548
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 4)	476,310	-	-	-	-	-	476,310	488,367
	<u>1,692,943</u>	<u>393,982</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>210,539</u>	<u>246,336</u>	<u>31,303</u>	<u>2,575,183</u>	<u>2,443,282</u>
LIABILITIES								
CURRENT								
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 5)	129,224	-	-	-	-	-	129,224	210,187
Due to General Fund	-	283,791	-	-	-	-	283,791	197,898
Deferred revenue	87,199	-	-	-	-	-	87,199	45,658
	<u>216,423</u>	<u>283,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500,214</u>	<u>453,743</u>
FUND BALANCES								
Unrestricted	564,017	-	80	-	-	-	564,097	467,867
VSR Booklet	311,193	-	-	-	-	-	311,193	311,193
Investment in capital assets	476,310	-	-	-	-	-	476,310	488,367
Internally restricted	125,000	-	-	-	-	31,303	156,303	125,467
Externally restricted	-	110,191	-	210,539	246,336	-	567,066	596,645
	<u>1,476,520</u>	<u>110,191</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>210,539</u>	<u>246,336</u>	<u>31,303</u>	<u>2,074,969</u>	<u>1,989,539</u>
	<u>1,692,943</u>	<u>393,982</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>210,539</u>	<u>246,336</u>	<u>31,303</u>	<u>2,575,183</u>	<u>2,443,282</u>

Commitments (Note 6)

Approved by the Board


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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
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	General Fund	Poppy Fund	Lotto Sweep Fund	Elsie Lambert Fund	Benevolent Fund	Veteran Units/Wing Fund	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR):								
OPERATING								
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	77,126	12,299	(1,705)	1,500	15,832	(19,622)	85,430	254,496
Item not affecting cash								
Amortization	15,563	-	-	-	-	-	15,563	16,176
	92,689	12,299	(1,705)	1,500	15,832	(19,622)	100,993	270,672
Changes in non-cash working capital items								
Accounts receivable	(6,115)	-	-	-	-	-	(6,115)	(57,138)
Inventory	397	5,574	-	-	-	-	5,971	(2,008)
Prepays	(787)	-	-	-	-	-	(787)	4,217
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(80,963)	-	-	-	-	-	(80,963)	(80,186)
Deferred revenue	41,541	-	-	-	-	-	41,541	1,264
	46,762	17,873	(1,705)	1,500	15,832	(19,622)	60,640	136,821
FINANCING								
Cash transactions with funds	(85,893)	85,893	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund transfers	57,967	(69,928)	785	-	10,718	458	-	-
	(27,926)	15,965	785	-	10,718	458	-	-
INVESTING								
Acquisition of capital assets	(3,506)	-	-	-	-	-	(3,506)	-
Acquisition of investments	(183,827)	-	-	-	-	-	(183,827)	(428,083)
Proceeds on sale of investments	184,203	-	-	-	-	-	184,203	195,516
	(3,130)	-	-	-	-	-	(3,130)	(232,567)
CHANGE IN CASH	15,706	33,838	(920)	1,500	26,550	(19,164)	57,510	(95,746)
CASH - beginning of year	283,070	343,147	1,000	4,714	219,786	50,467	902,184	997,930
CASH - end of year	298,776	376,985	80	6,214	246,336	31,303	959,694	902,184
Cash consists of:								
Cash	62,258	450	-	-	-	-	62,708	67,796
Cash - restricted	236,518	376,535	80	6,214	246,336	31,303	896,986	834,388
	298,776	376,985	80	6,214	246,336	31,303	959,694	902,184

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1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Royal Canadian Legion - Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command (the "Command") is incorporated under a special statute of Canada. In turn, the Command is charged with the administration of the Nova Scotia /Nunavut Legion Branch memberships. The Command is exempt from tax as a non-profit organization under Section 149.1(1) of the Income Tax Act.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

Fund accounting

The General Fund accounts for the Command's program delivery and administration activities. This fund reports unrestricted and restricted revenues. The internally restricted funds consist of a Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$100,000 and the Supplementary Fund, for maintenance and repairs, in the amount of \$25,000. These funds are maintained based on the by-laws of the Command.

The Poppy Fund accounts for funds received from the annual poppy campaign and are restricted for the basic purpose of assisting active and former Canadian forces personnel and their dependants and to support all costs to maintain a full-time service bureau. Also eligible are Merchant Navy personnel who have been awarded campaign stars or decorations, and their dependants, and ex-service personnel of Commonwealth countries, other than Canada, resident in Canada, who need assistance.

The Lotto Sweep Fund reports the Command's Lotto Sweep Campaign. All revenues received through the sales of Lotto Sweep Tickets are reported in this fund as well as all related expenses incurred during the year.

The Elsie Lambert Fund reports the interest income earned on the endowment received from The Estate of Elsie Lambert. The principal balance of \$200,000 is to be maintained as capital while the income is to be used for bursaries to qualified applicants.

The Benevolent Fund was set up to collect donations and to use these funds to assist active and former Canadian forces personnel and their families.

The Veteran Units/Wing Fund was formed as a consequence of the revocation or surrender of branch charters in prior years. The funds are to be used in accordance with the general by-laws of the Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command and may include such actions and assistance as agreed by the Branches at the Command.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Cash

Cash consists of cash on hand and both restricted and unrestricted bank balances held in financial institutions.

Inventory

Inventory, consisting of poppy, wreath and promotional supplies, are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value, with cost being determined using the average cost method. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the normal course of operations less any costs necessary to make the sale.

Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization is provided for using the following rates and method over the estimated useful lives:

Building	4%	Diminishing balance
Computer equipment	30%	Diminishing balance
Furniture and fixtures	20%	Diminishing balance

One half year's amortization is taken in the year of acquisition.

Impairment of long-lived assets

Long-lived assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying value may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows resulting from its use and eventual disposition. The impairment loss is measured as the amount by which the carrying amount of the long-lived asset exceeds its fair value.

Revenue recognition

Per capita tax revenue is recorded when membership has been recognized and payment made to the Command. Amounts received in advance are reflected on the Command's statement of financial position as deferred revenue.

Poppy revenue is recognized on shipment and invoicing of the goods, provided collection is reasonably assured.

Donations, lotto sweep tickets and Paws Fur Thought revenues are recorded on receipt of the funds.

Interest income consists of interest earned on Guaranteed Investment Certificates. Revenue on investments is recorded when interest is earned and collection reasonably assured.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Revenue recognition (continued)

All other income is recorded when the risk and rewards of ownership transfer to the Command, when the price is fixed or determinable and collection is reasonably assured.

Allocation of administrative costs between funds

The Command has adopted a policy of allocating administrative overheads to funds based on percentages of the costs incurred for the projects of the individual funds.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates used when accounting for items during the year include useful lives of capital assets and certain accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Financial instruments

Measurement of financial instruments

The Command initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value.

The Command subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in the excess of revenues over expenses.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, restricted cash, investments and accounts receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Impairment

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of any write-down is recognized in the excess of revenues over expenses. Any previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of any reversal is recognized in the excess of revenues over expenses.

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3. INVESTMENTS

Investments are purchased and held in accordance with policies specifying the quality of investments and limiting the amount of market risk exposure.

Fixed Income - held to maturity	Maturity Date	2015 \$	2014 \$
Bank of Nova Scotia, 2.75%, GIC	Mar. 20, 2019	204,325	204,325
Bank of Nova Scotia, 2.35%, GIC	Jan. 16, 2017	67,517	65,967
National Trust Company, 2.45%, GIC	Dec. 11, 2017	22,147	22,147
Bank of Nova Scotia, 1.00%, GIC	Mar. 31, 2016	25,189	-
National Trust Company, 2.75%, GIC	Feb. 14, 2019	52,617	51,209
Montreal Trust Company of Canada, 2.75%, GIC	Feb. 14, 2019	52,618	51,209
Scotia Mortgage Corporation, 2.25%, GIC	Feb. 14, 2017	52,137	50,989
National Trust Company, 1.00%, GIC	Mar. 31, 2016	100,756	-
Bank of Nova Scotia, 1.00%, GIC	Feb. 17, 2016	50,435	-
Bank of Nova Scotia, 2.04%, GIC	May 16, 2016	96,635	94,702
Matured investments.		<u>-</u>	<u>184,204</u>
		724,376	724,752
Investments maturing within one year		(273,015)	(184,204)
Long term investments		<u>451,361</u>	<u>540,548</u>

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost \$	Accumulated Amortization \$	Net 2015 \$	Net 2014 \$
Land	140,180	-	140,180	140,180
Building	502,608	175,140	327,468	341,112
Computer equipment	18,374	16,871	1,503	317
Furniture and fixtures	<u>121,752</u>	<u>114,593</u>	<u>7,159</u>	<u>6,758</u>
	<u>782,914</u>	<u>306,604</u>	<u>476,310</u>	<u>488,367</u>

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Trade payables	103,344	186,347
Accrued liabilities	17,515	16,329
Government remittances	<u>8,365</u>	<u>7,511</u>
	<u>129,224</u>	<u>210,187</u>

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6. COMMITMENTS

As at December 31, 2015, the Command is committed to disburse \$26,461 as a donation towards the benefit of veterans and veterans units and wings throughout the Command.

The Command has also committed \$62,214 (2014 - \$66,800) to fund the awarding of five \$1,000 bursaries annually. These bursaries will be named in honour of Branch No. 25.

7. INTERFUND LOANS

All interfund loans are non-interest bearing with no set terms of repayment.

8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Risks and concentrations

The Command is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the Command's risk exposure and concentrations at December 31, 2015.

It is management's opinion that the Command is not exposed to significant market, currency, interest rate, and price risks from its financial instruments. The risks arising on financial instruments are limited to the following:

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Command to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash, restricted cash, investments and accounts receivable. The Command deposits its cash, restricted cash and investments in reputable financial institutions and therefore believes the risk of loss to be remote. The Command is exposed to credit risk from customer accounts receivable. The Command believes this credit risk is minimized as the customer base for their receivables are Legion branches under their command. A provision for impairment of accounts receivable is established when there is objective evidence that the Command will not be able to collect all amounts due.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Command will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Command is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Command generates sufficient cash flows from operating activities to fund operations and fulfill obligations as they become due.

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9. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain figures presented for comparative purposes have been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted for the current year.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES
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	General Fund \$	Poppy Fund \$	Lotto Sweep Fund \$	Elsie Lambert Fund \$	Benevolent Fund \$	Veteran Units/Wing Fund \$	2015 \$	2014 \$
ADMINISTRATION								
Charitable donations	500	2,070	-	-	-	-	2,570	7,525
Computer	3,686	-	-	-	-	-	3,686	1,793
Hospitality	450	-	-	-	-	-	450	1,057
Insurance	5,563	-	-	-	-	-	5,563	2,352
Interest and bank charges	2,100	229	55	10	135	-	2,529	2,168
Leadership training camp	-	-	6,838	-	-	-	6,838	25,426
Office supplies	5,524	3,343	-	-	-	-	8,867	10,939
Postage	5,833	4,561	11,969	-	-	-	22,363	31,861
Printing	-	-	10,431	-	-	-	10,431	9,612
Professional fees	13,200	-	-	-	-	-	13,200	13,200
Salaries and services	83,398	101,645	-	-	-	-	185,043	171,143
Service contracts	4,717	1,179	-	-	-	-	5,896	2,794
Telephone	5,928	2,120	-	-	-	-	8,048	8,074
	<u>130,899</u>	<u>115,147</u>	<u>29,293</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>275,484</u>	<u>287,944</u>
CONVENTIONS								
Dominion convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,130
NS/NU convention	22,716	-	-	-	-	-	22,716	106
	<u>22,716</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,716</u>	<u>11,236</u>
OCCUPANCY								
Cleaning	6,889	-	-	-	-	-	6,889	6,000
Electricity	8,088	-	-	-	-	-	8,088	8,132
Repairs and maintenance	11,196	7,228	-	-	-	-	18,424	9,308
Water and taxes	1,301	-	-	-	-	-	1,301	1,566
	<u>27,474</u>	<u>7,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,702</u>	<u>25,006</u>

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	General Fund \$	Poppy Fund \$	Lotto Sweep Fund \$	Elsie Lambert Fund \$	Benevolent Fund \$	Veteran Units/Wing Fund \$	2015 \$	2014 \$
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES								
Administrative - other	100	-	-	-	-	-	100	905
Appeals and investigations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	304
Bursary committee	636	-	-	-	-	-	636	292
Command President	6,507	-	-	-	-	-	6,507	7,572
Command Secretary	882	-	-	-	-	-	882	187
Complaint committee	307	-	-	-	-	-	307	613
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	19,778	19,778	66
Finance committee	938	-	-	-	-	-	938	583
Honors, awards and by-laws	2,753	-	-	-	-	-	2,753	3,156
Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	322
Leadership development	2,219	-	-	-	-	-	2,219	1,556
Lotto sweep committee	-	-	309	-	-	-	309	423
Membership	2,182	-	-	-	-	-	2,182	54
Nova Scotia/ Nunavut Council	7,960	-	-	-	-	-	7,960	9,161
Officers allowance	9,500	-	-	-	-	-	9,500	9,000
Personnel committee	1,435	-	-	-	-	-	1,435	-
Poppy committee	-	525	-	-	-	-	525	267
Public relations	168	-	-	-	-	-	168	2,658
Service officer	-	3,690	-	-	-	-	3,690	1,489
Special functions	6,542	3,215	-	-	-	-	9,757	4,671
Sub-executive committee	12	-	-	-	-	-	12	1,960
Treasurer	750	-	-	-	-	-	750	750
Trustees inventory	816	-	-	-	-	-	816	370
VSR booklet	33	-	-	-	-	-	33	-
Veterans services/seniors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104
	<u>43,740</u>	<u>7,430</u>	<u>309</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,778</u>	<u>71,257</u>	<u>46,463</u>
PROGRAMS								
Bursaries	8,500	12,500	-	-	-	-	21,000	23,500
Poster and essay winners	-	1,190	-	-	-	-	1,190	1,372
Leadership training camp	50,301	-	-	-	-	-	50,301	60,322
Scholarships	-	-	-	4,000	-	-	4,000	10,000
Veteran support	-	-	-	-	17,377	-	17,377	23,355
Veterans outreach/transition	-	-	-	-	2,639	-	2,639	3,742
	<u>58,801</u>	<u>13,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>20,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,507</u>	<u>122,291</u>
SPORTS								
Cribbage	114	-	-	-	-	-	114	137
Curling	479	-	-	-	-	-	479	519
Darts	806	-	-	-	-	-	806	-
Pool	127	-	-	-	-	-	127	209
Track and field	10,123	-	-	-	-	-	10,123	22,395
	<u>11,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,649</u>	<u>23,260</u>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Executive Council of:

The Royal Canadian Legion - Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **The Royal Canadian Legion - Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2016 and the statements of operations and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies, schedules and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis of our audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many non-profit organizations, the **The Royal Canadian Legion - Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command** derives revenue from various sources including donations, fundraising and lottery, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Command and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, excess of revenues over expenses, assets and fund balances.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects, if any, of the matter in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **The Royal Canadian Legion - Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command** as at December 31, 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
March 20, 2017

**Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants**

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

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	General Fund	Poppy Fund	Lotto Sweep Fund	Elsie Lambert Fund	Benevolent Fund	Veteran Units/Wing Fund	2016	2015
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUES								
Assessed poppy	-	61,245	-	-	-	-	61,245	64,177
Donations	24,400	787	-	-	27,122	-	52,309	68,631
Interest income	13,088	2,957	-	5,500	1,946	-	23,491	25,245
Lotto sweep tickets	-	-	46,957	-	-	-	46,957	55,197
Other income	5,262	-	-	-	-	-	5,262	9,511
Paws Fur Thought	-	-	-	-	74,993	-	74,993	96,864
Per capita tax	241,332	-	-	-	-	-	241,332	246,632
Poppy	11,327	440,821	-	-	-	-	452,148	489,620
Royalty - VSR Booklet	89,357	-	-	-	-	-	89,357	90,196
Torch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,540
Veterans outreach program	-	-	-	-	7,166	-	7,166	10,000
	<u>384,766</u>	<u>505,810</u>	<u>46,957</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>111,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,054,260</u>	<u>1,161,613</u>
EXPENSES								
Administration (Schedule)	142,459	119,030	22,083	-	176	-	283,748	275,484
Amortization	14,989	-	-	-	-	-	14,989	15,563
Branch assistance	7,096	-	-	-	-	-	7,096	2,830
Conventions (Schedule)	9,037	-	-	-	-	-	9,037	22,716
Lotto sweep prizes	-	-	24,000	-	-	-	24,000	27,300
Occupancy (Schedule)	15,582	4,523	-	-	-	-	20,105	34,702
Officers and committees (Schedule)	37,434	4,677	11	-	-	-	42,122	51,479
Paws Fur Thought	-	-	-	-	124,735	-	124,735	110,385
Poppy	877	358,596	-	-	-	-	359,473	398,990
Programs (Schedule)	62,190	12,690	-	10,000	52,789	19,622	157,291	116,285
Sports (Schedule)	9,371	-	-	-	-	-	9,371	11,649
Torch	6,873	-	-	-	-	-	6,873	8,800
	<u>305,908</u>	<u>499,516</u>	<u>46,094</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>177,700</u>	<u>19,622</u>	<u>1,058,840</u>	<u>1,076,183</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	78,858	6,294	863	(4,500)	(66,473)	(19,622)	(4,580)	85,430
FUND BALANCES - beginning of year	<u>1,476,520</u>	<u>110,191</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>210,539</u>	<u>246,336</u>	<u>31,303</u>	<u>2,074,969</u>	<u>1,989,539</u>
	1,555,378	116,485	943	206,039	179,863	11,681	2,070,389	2,074,969
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	(17,810)	15,836	(743)	-	14,398	(11,681)	-	-
FUND BALANCES - end of year	<u>1,537,568</u>	<u>132,321</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>206,039</u>	<u>194,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,070,389</u>	<u>2,074,969</u>

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ASSETS

	General Fund	Poppy Fund	Lotto Sweep Fund	Elsie Lambert Fund	Benevolent Fund	Veteran Units/Wing Fund	2016	2015
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT								
Cash	47,848	450	-	-	-	-	48,298	62,708
Cash - restricted	338,173	449,601	200	1,744	194,261	-	983,979	896,986
Investments (Note 3)	195,290	-	-	-	-	-	195,290	273,015
Accounts receivable (Note 4)	37,695	-	-	-	-	-	37,695	108,292
Inventory	2,533	18,604	-	-	-	-	21,137	19,545
Due from Poppy Fund	336,334	-	-	-	-	-	336,334	283,791
Prepays	2,571	-	-	-	-	-	2,571	3,175
	960,444	468,655	200	1,744	194,261	-	1,625,304	1,647,512
INVESTMENTS (Note 3)	315,504	-	-	204,295	-	-	519,799	451,361
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 5)	466,152	-	-	-	-	-	466,152	476,310
	<u>1,742,100</u>	<u>468,655</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>206,039</u>	<u>194,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,611,255</u>	<u>2,575,183</u>

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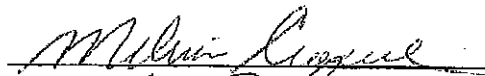
CURRENT								
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 6)	93,706	-	-	-	-	-	93,706	129,224
Due to General Fund	-	336,334	-	-	-	-	336,334	283,791
Deferred revenue	110,826	-	-	-	-	-	110,826	87,199
	<u>204,532</u>	<u>336,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>540,866</u>	<u>500,214</u>

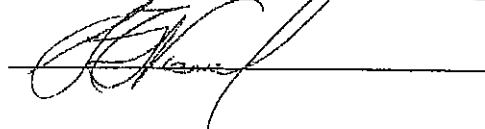
FUND BALANCES

Unrestricted	635,223	-	200	-	-	-	635,423	564,097
VSR Booklet	311,193	-	-	-	-	-	311,193	311,193
Investment in capital assets	466,152	-	-	-	-	-	466,152	476,310
Internally restricted	125,000	-	-	-	-	-	125,000	156,303
Externally restricted	-	132,321	-	206,039	194,261	-	532,621	567,066
	<u>1,537,568</u>	<u>132,321</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>206,039</u>	<u>194,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,070,389</u>	<u>2,074,969</u>
	<u>1,742,100</u>	<u>468,655</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>206,039</u>	<u>194,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,611,255</u>	<u>2,575,183</u>

Commitments (Note 7)

Approved by the Board

 Director

 Director

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
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	General Fund	Poppy Fund	Lotto Sweep Fund	Elsie Lambert Fund	Benevolent Fund	Veteran Units/Wing Fund	2016	2015
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR):								
OPERATING								
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	78,858	6,294	863	(4,500)	(66,473)	(19,622)	(4,580)	85,430
Item not affecting cash								
Amortization	<u>14,989</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,989</u>	<u>15,563</u>
	93,847	6,294	863	(4,500)	(66,473)	(19,622)	10,409	100,993
Changes in non-cash working capital items								
Accounts receivable	70,597	-	-	-	-	-	70,597	(6,115)
Inventory	15	(1,607)	-	-	-	-	(1,592)	5,971
Prepays	604	-	-	-	-	-	604	(787)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(35,518)	-	-	-	-	-	(35,518)	(80,963)
Deferred revenue	<u>23,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,627</u>	<u>41,541</u>
	<u>153,172</u>	<u>4,687</u>	<u>863</u>	<u>(4,500)</u>	<u>(66,473)</u>	<u>(19,622)</u>	<u>68,127</u>	<u>60,640</u>
FINANCING								
Cash transactions with funds	(52,543)	52,543	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund transfers	(17,810)	15,836	(743)	-	14,398	(11,681)	-	-
	(70,353)	68,379	(743)	-	14,398	(11,681)	-	-
INVESTING								
Acquisition of capital assets	(4,831)	-	-	-	-	-	(4,831)	(3,506)
Acquisition of investments	(263,728)	-	-	-	-	-	(263,728)	(183,827)
Proceeds on sale of investments	<u>272,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>273,015</u>	<u>184,203</u>
	<u>4,426</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,456</u>	<u>(3,130)</u>
CHANGE IN CASH	87,245	73,066	120	(4,470)	(52,075)	(31,303)	72,583	57,510
CASH - beginning of year	<u>298,776</u>	<u>376,985</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>6,214</u>	<u>246,336</u>	<u>31,303</u>	<u>959,694</u>	<u>902,184</u>
CASH - end of year	<u>386,021</u>	<u>450,051</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>1,744</u>	<u>194,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,032,277</u>	<u>959,694</u>
Cash consists of:								
Cash	47,848	450	-	-	-	-	48,298	62,708
Cash - restricted	<u>338,173</u>	<u>449,601</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>1,744</u>	<u>194,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>983,979</u>	<u>896,986</u>
	<u>386,021</u>	<u>450,051</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>1,744</u>	<u>194,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,032,277</u>	<u>959,694</u>

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1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Royal Canadian Legion - Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command ("the Command") is incorporated under a special statute of Canada. In turn, the Command is charged with the administration of the Nova Scotia /Nunavut Legion Branch memberships. The Command is exempt from tax as a non-profit organization under Section 149.1(1) of the Income Tax Act.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

Fund accounting

The General Fund accounts for the Command's program delivery and administration activities. This fund reports unrestricted and restricted revenues. The internally restricted funds consist of a Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$100,000 and the Supplementary Fund, for maintenance and repairs, in the amount of \$25,000. These funds are maintained based on the by-laws of the Command.

The Poppy Fund accounts for funds received from the annual poppy campaign and are restricted for the basic purpose of assisting active and former Canadian forces personnel and their dependants, and to support all costs to maintain a full-time service bureau. Also eligible are Merchant Navy personnel who have been awarded campaign stars or decorations, and their dependants, and ex-service personnel of Commonwealth countries, other than Canada, resident in Canada, who need assistance.

The Lotto Sweep Fund reports the Command's Lotto Sweep Campaign. All revenues received through the sales of Lotto Sweep Tickets are reported in this fund as well as all related expenses incurred during the year.

The Elsie Lambert Fund reports the interest income earned on the endowment received from The Estate of Elsie Lambert. The principal balance of \$200,000 is to be maintained as capital while the income is to be used for bursaries to qualified applicants.

The Benevolent Fund was set up to collect donations and to use these funds to assist active and former Canadian forces personnel and their families.

The Veteran Units/Wing Fund was formed as a consequence of the revocation or surrender of branch charters in prior years. The funds are to be used in accordance with the general by-laws of the Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command and may include such actions and assistance as agreed by the Branches at the Command.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Cash

Cash consists of cash on hand and both restricted and unrestricted bank balances held with a financial institution.

Inventory

Inventory, consisting of poppy, wreath and promotional supplies, are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value, with cost being determined using the average cost method. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the normal course of operations less any costs necessary to make the sale.

Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization is provided for using the following rates and method over the estimated useful lives:

Building	4%	Diminishing balance
Computer equipment	30%	Diminishing balance
Furniture and fixtures	20%	Diminishing balance

One half year's amortization is taken in the year of acquisition.

Impairment of long-lived assets

Long-lived assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying value may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows resulting from its use and eventual disposition. Any impairment loss is measured as the amount by which the carrying amount of the long-lived asset exceeds its fair value.

Revenue recognition

Per capita tax revenue is recorded when membership has been recognized and payment made to the Command. Amounts received in advance are reflected on the Command's statement of financial position as deferred revenue.

Poppy revenue is recognized on shipment and invoicing of the goods, provided collection is reasonably assured.

Donations, lotto sweep tickets and Paws Fur Thought revenues are recorded on receipt of the funds.

Interest income consists of interest earned on Guaranteed Investment Certificates. Revenue on investments is recorded when interest is earned and collection reasonably assured.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Revenue recognition (continued)

All other income is recorded when the risk and rewards of ownership transfer to the Command, when the price is fixed or determinable and collection is reasonably assured.

Allocation of administrative costs between funds

The Command has adopted a policy of allocating administrative overheads to funds based on percentages of the costs incurred for the projects of the individual funds.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates used when accounting for items during the year include useful lives of capital assets and certain accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Financial instruments

Measurement of financial instruments

The Command initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value.

The Command subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in the excess of revenues over expenses.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, restricted cash and accounts receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Financial assets measured at fair value include investments.

Impairment

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of any write-down is recognized in the excess of revenues over expenses. Any previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of any reversal is recognized in the excess of revenues over expenses.

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3. INVESTMENTS

Fixed Income - held to maturity	Maturity Date	2016 \$	2015 \$
Bank of Nova Scotia, 2.75%, GIC	Mar. 20, 2019	204,295	204,325
Bank of Nova Scotia, 2.35%, GIC	Jan. 16, 2017	69,105	67,517
National Trust Company, 2.45%, GIC	Dec. 11, 2017	22,145	22,147
National Trust Company, 2.75%, GIC	Feb. 14, 2019	54,064	52,617
Montreal Trust Company of Canada, 2.75%, GIC	Feb. 14, 2019	54,064	52,618
Scotia Mortgage Corporation, 2.25%, GIC	Feb. 14, 2017	53,310	52,137
Bank of Nova Scotia, 1.68%, GIC	Dec. 18, 2017	50,730	-
Bank of Nova Scotia, 1.68%, GIC	Feb. 5, 2018	101,247	-
Bank of Nova Scotia, 1.68%, GIC	Feb. 5, 2018	25,312	-
Montreal Trust Company of Canada, 1.65%, GIC	Mar. 19, 2018	80,817	-
Matured investments		<u>-</u>	<u>273,015</u>
		715,089	724,376
Investments maturing within one year		(195,290)	(273,015)
Long term investments		<u>519,799</u>	<u>451,361</u>

4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Accounts receivable	45,355	108,416
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(7,660)	(124)
	<u>37,695</u>	<u>108,292</u>

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost \$	Accumulated Amortization \$	Net 2016 \$	Net 2015 \$
Land	140,180	-	140,180	140,180
Building	507,438	188,335	319,103	327,468
Computer equipment	18,374	17,270	1,104	1,503
Furniture and fixtures	<u>121,752</u>	<u>115,987</u>	<u>5,765</u>	<u>7,159</u>
	<u>787,744</u>	<u>321,592</u>	<u>466,152</u>	<u>476,310</u>

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6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Trade payables	72,054	103,344
Accrued liabilities	17,816	17,515
Government remittances	<u>3,836</u>	<u>8,365</u>
	<u>93,706</u>	<u>129,224</u>

7. COMMITMENTS

The Command has committed \$47,398 (2015 - \$62,214) to fund the awarding of various \$1,000 bursaries annually from the General Fund. These bursaries will be named in honour of Branch No. 25.

8. INTERFUND LOANS

All interfund loans are non-interest bearing with no set terms of repayment.

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS*Risks and concentrations*

The Command is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the Command's risk exposure and concentrations at December 31, 2016.

It is management's opinion that the Command is not exposed to significant market, currency, interest rate and price risks from its financial instruments. The risks arising on financial instruments are limited to the following:

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Command to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash, restricted cash, investments and accounts receivable. The Command deposits its cash, restricted cash and investments in reputable financial institutions and therefore believes the risk of loss to be remote. The Command is exposed to credit risk from customer accounts receivable. The Command believes this credit risk is minimized as the customer base for their receivables are Legion branches under their command. A provision for impairment of accounts receivable is established when there is objective evidence that the Command will not be able to collect all amounts due.

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9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Command will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Command is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Command generates sufficient cash flows from operating activities to fund operations and fulfill obligations as they become due.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES
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	General Fund \$	Poppy Fund \$	Lotto Sweep Fund \$	Elsie Lambert Fund \$	Benevolent Fund \$	Veteran Units/Wing Fund \$	2016 \$	2015 \$
ADMINISTRATION								
Charitable donations	500	3,070	-	-	-	-	3,570	2,570
Computer	7,026	-	-	-	-	-	7,026	3,686
Hospitality	450	-	-	-	-	-	450	450
Insurance	5,048	-	-	-	-	-	5,048	5,563
Interest and bank charges	2,270	195	26	-	176	-	2,667	2,529
Leadership training camp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,838
Office supplies	6,601	2,073	-	-	-	-	8,674	8,867
Postage	5,939	1,966	11,445	-	-	-	19,350	22,363
Printing	-	-	10,612	-	-	-	10,612	10,431
Professional fees	12,075	-	-	-	-	-	12,075	13,200
Salaries and services	91,442	109,534	-	-	-	-	200,976	185,043
Service contracts	5,040	126	-	-	-	-	5,166	5,896
Telephone	6,068	2,066	-	-	-	-	8,134	8,048
	<u>142,459</u>	<u>119,030</u>	<u>22,083</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>283,748</u>	<u>275,484</u>
CONVENTIONS								
Dominion convention	9,037	-	-	-	-	-	9,037	-
NS/NU convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,716
	<u>9,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,037</u>	<u>22,716</u>
OCCUPANCY								
Cleaning	6,205	-	-	-	-	-	6,205	6,889
Electricity	5,760	-	-	-	-	-	5,760	8,088
Repairs and maintenance	3,150	4,523	-	-	-	-	7,673	18,424
Water and taxes	467	-	-	-	-	-	467	1,301
	<u>15,582</u>	<u>4,523</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,105</u>	<u>34,702</u>

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

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	General Fund \$	Poppy Fund \$	Lotto Sweep Fund \$	Elsie Lambert Fund \$	Benevolent Fund \$	Veteran Units/Wing Fund \$	2016 \$	2015 \$
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES								
Administrative - other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Appeals and investigations	537	-	-	-	-	-	537	-
Bursary committee	625	-	-	-	-	-	625	636
Command President	5,548	-	-	-	-	-	5,548	6,507
Command Secretary	509	-	-	-	-	-	509	882
Complaint committee	603	-	-	-	-	-	603	307
Finance committee	1,220	-	-	-	-	-	1,220	938
Gaming committee	114	-	-	-	-	-	114	-
Honors, awards and by-laws	1,858	-	-	-	-	-	1,858	2,753
Hospitality	250	-	-	-	-	-	250	-
Leadership development	809	-	-	-	-	-	809	2,219
Lotto sweep committee	-	-	11	-	-	-	11	309
Membership	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,182
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Council	6,968	-	-	-	-	-	6,968	7,960
Officers allowance	12,350	-	-	-	-	-	12,350	9,500
Personnel committee	1,529	-	-	-	-	-	1,529	1,435
Poppy committee	-	236	-	-	-	-	236	525
Public relations	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	168
Resolutions committee	437	-	-	-	-	-	437	-
Service officer	-	3,306	-	-	-	-	3,306	3,690
Special functions	913	1,135	-	-	-	-	2,048	9,757
Sub-executive committee	163	-	-	-	-	-	163	12
Treasurer	795	-	-	-	-	-	795	750
Trustees inventory committee	516	-	-	-	-	-	516	816
Veterans services/seniors	190	-	-	-	-	-	190	-
VSR booklet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
	<u>37,434</u>	<u>4,677</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,122</u>	<u>51,479</u>
PROGRAMS								
Bursaries	12,000	11,500	-	-	-	-	23,500	21,000
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	19,622	19,622	19,778
Leadership training camp	50,190	-	-	-	-	-	50,190	50,301
Poster and essay winners	-	1,190	-	-	-	-	1,190	1,190
Scholarships	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	10,000	4,000
Veteran support	-	-	-	-	29,215	-	29,215	17,377
Veterans outreach	-	-	-	-	23,574	-	23,574	2,639
	<u>62,190</u>	<u>12,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>52,789</u>	<u>19,622</u>	<u>157,291</u>	<u>116,285</u>
SPORTS								
Cribbage	127	-	-	-	-	-	127	114
Curling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	479
Darts	649	-	-	-	-	-	649	806
Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	127
Track and field	8,595	-	-	-	-	-	8,595	10,123
	<u>9,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,371</u>	<u>11,649</u>

