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From: Don McCumber, Chairman
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Subject: Use Of Poppy Trust Funds

Message: Comrades: please see attached memo



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Comrades:

A matter of serious concern has recently come to my attention that requires urgent address. To that end, Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command President Melvin Crowe requests that this communication in its' entirety be circulated directly to every member of Branch Executives and read aloud, as a matter of record, at each of the next scheduled Branch General Meetings.

It would seem that some Branches within NS/NU Command require clarification on the term dependent as it relates to the allowable use of RCL Poppy Trust Funds.

In part, Section 401 of the RCL Poppy Manual reads as follows:

The basic purpose and obligations of the Poppy Trust Fund are to assist a Veteran as defined in Subsection 101.d of the General By-Laws and their families.

In the margin, alongside section 401 on page 21 of the current Poppy Manual the following note is provided:

'Families' is defined as current spouse and dependent children including widows / widowers.

Generally, the Government of Canada considers this as someone who, for varying reasons, is financially dependent on another and claimed as such for income tax purposes.

Therefore, in order for families of Veterans to be eligible for support through Poppy Trust Funds, the family member must be financially dependent on the Veteran or was financially dependent on the Veteran at the Veterans' time of death.

Should Branches require further information or clarification at any time regarding the use of Poppy Trust Funds please contact NS/NU Command Executive Director.

In Comradeship

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