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From: Comrade Don McCumber
President
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1st Vice President
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Subject: Veteran Farm Project

Message:

Comrades: The Veteran Farm Project Society was established in 2018 for women veterans to spend time together in a safe, natural, and enriching environment. They have expanded their programs each year and offer a variety of programs and opportunities to spend time on the farm.

Since 2018 the Veteran Farm Project has supported nearly 150 families and nearly 700 individuals through the Royal Canadian Legion Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command.

They have had a difficult year in 2023. Wildfires ravaged the province; they supported 2 veterans and a dog on the farm for nearly 2 weeks.

There were floods in their community with loss of life. Weeks of continued rain, washing out, rotting or stunting vegetable production. They were plagued with pest pressure; the pests were able to flourish due to the constant humidity. Through it all they persevered, dug deep, and never missed a single family or delivery. They sent out even more contents in their packages than years past, nearly 10,000 pounds of food. It was powerful and uplifting experience for everyone involved.

During December 2023, the farm experienced unprecedented windstorms. These storms destroyed major infrastructure. The large high tunnel was their main growing, over wintering, and seed starting infrastructure. VFP now needs to rebuild and needs a new infrastructure that can withstand the environmental changes we continue to experience.

The Veteran Farm Project is requesting a donation of \$28,093.82 to purchase the materials required to construct a 20'x100' Gothic Style Greenhouse. The installation of this greenhouse is critical toward serving our veterans.

Therefore, comrades, we ask that you consider making donations through the poppy trust fund to support this wonderful endeavor. Prior Command Approval through the Application For Special Use Of Poppy Trust Funds is required and should be forwarded to the Executive Director, executivedirector@nsnulegion.ca for review with the Poppy Chair.

Damaged Greenhouses



New Greenhouse to be purchased.

