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To: NS/NU Branches
NS/NU Executive Council
NS/NU Zone Commanders
NS/NU Past Presidents
NS/NU Command Staff

From: Comrade Craig Hood
Executive Director
NS/NU Command, RCL

Subject: Executive Council Meeting Minutes –
February 24, 2024

Message: Comrades: On behalf of NS/NU Command
Chairman Tom Young, please find attached
Executive Council Meeting Minutes -
February 24, 2024

**The Royal Canadian Legion
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2024**

In Attendance:

Don McCumber	President
George Della Valle	1st Vice President
Conrad Gilbert	Treasurer
Tom Young	Chairman
Donna McRury	Immediate Past President
Clarence Dawe	Commander District A
Lorne MacDonald	Commander District B
Robert Hoeg	Commander District C
Donald Stansbury	Commander District D
André Boudreau	Commander District E
Joanne Geddes	Commander District F
Cliff Laurin	Commander District G
Craig Hood	Executive Director
Jane Scott	Recording Secretary

Present for Report:

Lorena Forrest	Command Service Officer
Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte	Past Executive Director

Observers:

Ron Langevin	Commander Zone 13
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Regrets

Harry Jackson	2 nd Vice President
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NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young called the meeting to order at approximately 8.33 am.

1. Opening Ritual

NS/NU Command 1st Vice President George Della Valle conducted the Opening Ritual.

2. Land Acknowledgement

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young acknowledged the land.

3. Procedures

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young reviewed the meeting's procedures.

4. Call for Additions to the Agenda

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young called for additions to the agenda.

- Correspondence - 2 items Bay Ferries, ABMO #14
- Addition to Item 16 – Bequest to NS/NU Command
- Resolutions

5. Service Bureau Report

NS/NU Command Service Officer Lorena Forrest referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-1

Moved by Comrade McRury, seconded by Comrade Gilbert.

That the Service Officer Report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Immediate Past President Donna McRury thanked Comrades Lorena Forrest and Ken George for all of their hard work and dedication in assisting Veterans.

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young excused Comrade Lorena Forrest from the meeting.

6. Minutes of Executive Council Meetings

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young called for errors and omissions from the minutes of the Executive Council Meeting of September 30, 2023.

M-2

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Dawe.

That the minutes of the Executive Council meeting of September 30, 2023 be adopted as distributed.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young called for errors and omissions from the minutes of the Special Executive Council Meeting of January 30, 2024.

It was noted that District E and F Commanders were not present at the meeting and were not noted as either regrets or absent.

M-3

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Dawe.

That the minutes of the Special Executive Council meeting of January 30, 2024 be adopted as distributed.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young called for errors and omissions from the minutes of the Special Executive Council Meeting of February 13, 2024.

It was noted that District B and C Commanders were not present at the meeting and were not noted as either regrets or absent. NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young was also not present (needs to be listed as regrets), he is listed as Command Treasurer which needs to be corrected to read NSNU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert.

M-4

Moved by Comrade Dawe seconded by Comrade Della Valle

That the minutes of the Special Executive Council meeting of February 13, 2024 be adopted as distributed.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert referred to Motion 28: Officers Allowance from the minutes of September 30, 2023. He requested that District and Zone Commanders provide him with feedback as to why they require an increase to this allowance.

8. President's Report

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber recognized the work of the Command Service Officers and thanked all Command staff and Executive Council members for their dedication and support.

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-5

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the President's Report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

9. Finance Report

NS/NU Command Finance Committee Chair George Della Valle referred the meeting to the submitted report.

NS/NU Command Finance Committee Chair George Della Valle presented the pre-audit December 2023 Financial Statement.

NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert informed the meeting that there are currently 5 GICs listed on the statement. This is not accurate as it requires updating. An updated listing will be provided in March 2024.

NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood confirmed that revenue from the Veterans' Service Recognition Book is deposited in the General Fund and used for the operating costs pertaining to the Command Office in order to continue to serve Veterans.

NS/NU Command Immediate Past President Donna McRury thanked the Veterans' Service Recognition Book Editor Comrade Steve Wessel for all of his work pertaining to the book and also to the branches for their submissions.

M-6

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade McCumber.

That the December 2023 financial statement be adopted as circulated.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

M-7

NS/NU Command Finance Committee Chair George Della Valle presented the pre-audit budget.

M-8

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Laurin.

That the pre-audited budget as proposed with the provision that earnings from the previous year be utilized and allocated appropriately if required at year end be approved.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood informed the meeting of the correction that it should be expenses over income and not income over expenses.

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber thanked Comrade Valerie Mitchell - Veinotte for her assistance with the development of the budget.

Comrade Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte leaves the meeting.

NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood reiterated that it is expenses over revenue of \$122,046.93 but when looking at the pre-audit balance there is a carryover of \$150,903.42 so we are not running at a deficit into 2024.

10. Building Report.

NS/NU Command Building Committee Chair George Della Valle referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-9

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

11. Treasurer's Report

NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert provided the meeting with a verbal report. He informed the meeting that there are branches that are behind with the submittal of their Branch Monthly Financial Reports. 4 branches are outstanding by 2 months or more, 7 branches by 3 months, 2 branches by 4 months 2 branches by 5, and 2 branches by 6 months.

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber relayed to the meeting that he had requested via e-mail to Zone Commanders to follow-up with branches to submit their reports and to provide an update to the District Commanders. As per the email an accurate update is to be provided by the District Commanders at this meeting with their reports and justification for arrears. In the case where there is no justification he requests that the Zone or District Commander identifies an individual that will go to the branch to complete the reports, the expense will be charged to the branch.

NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert informed the meeting that two GIC's have been approved. Both GIC's are for \$50,000 at a rate of 5.2% for 388 days.

NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood reinforced that the correct e-mail to send Branch Financial reports to is: admin@nsnulegion.ca.

M-10

Moved by Comrade Gilbert, seconded by Comrade Dawe.

That the verbal report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

12. Correspondence

NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood informed the meeting that NS/NU Command Service Officer Ken George has officially tendered his recognition and it is with deep regret from the Command that we say farewell. and that we will be keeping in touch with him. Comrade Hood read the letter from NS/NU Command Service Officer Ken George that was distributed in ABMO #14.

All other correspondence has been dealt with in the day-to-day business of NS/NU Command.

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber informed the meeting that with the upcoming Dominion Convention taking place in St. John, New Brunswick he sent a letter to Bay Ferries expressing concern that the Digby ferry would not be running for some of the duration of the summer. They responded that the ferry will be running all summer. He also requested that a one-time or permanent discount be considered for Legion members upon proof of membership such as is available on the Newfoundland ferry.

13. Executive Director's Report

NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-11

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade McRury

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

The meeting recessed at approx. 9.45 am

The meeting reconvened at approx. 9.53 am.

14. District Reports

District A

NS/NU Command District A Commander Clarence Dawe referred the meeting to the submitted report. He added that when he receives notification of delinquent reports he informs the Zone Commanders so that they can follow up with the branches concerned.

NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert provided an update for District A: 1 Branch is 2 months overdue, 3 branches are 3 months overdue, 1 branch is 5 months overdue and 2 branches are 6 months overdue.

District B

NS/NU Command District B Commander Lorne MacDonald referred the meeting to the submitted report. He added that branches are expressing concerns over wreath quality. NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood relayed to the meeting that Dominion Command is processing all feedback and is working closely with the manufacturer to rectify quality issues. He emphasized that biodegradable is the new normal and to forward any complaints to his office so that they can be directed to Dominion Command.

NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert provided an update for District B: 1 branch is 1 month overdue.

District C

NS/NU Command District C Commander Robert Hoeg referred the meeting to the submitted report. He added that nearly every branch in District C has issues with the biodegradable wreaths and that he will update them with the information provided by NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood. He informed the meeting that District C has 8 winners at the Provincial level in the National Youth Contests. He thanked the schools, teachers and branches in District C for their hard work.

NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert provided an update for District C: 1 branch is 2 months overdue.

District E

NS/NU Command District E Commander André Boudreau referred the meeting to the submitted report.

NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert provided an update for District E.

1 branch is 4 months overdue.

A few branches are 1 month overdue.

District F

NS/NU Command District F Commander Joanne Geddes referred the meeting to the submitted report. She referred the meeting to Item 8 listed under Additional Information. in her report. Zone Commanders plan to go out to branches regarding overdue reports. She spoke to the reference to Art 403.ii.g of The Poppy Manual, she has discussed this with the 3 Zone Commanders and confirmed with the NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood and that it is no longer an issue for the District.

NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert provided an update for District F.

2 branches are 3 months overdue and 1 is 4 months overdue (noted that overdue by 4 months due to flooding in branch).

District G

NS/NU Command District G Commander Cliff Laurin referred the meeting to the submitted report. He added that he had requested that both branches provide updates. A report was received from Branch 168, Iqaluit, he requested that this be included with the reports and meeting minutes when circulated.

NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert provided an update for District G: 1 branch is 2 months overdue.

M-12

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade MacDonald.

That the submitted District Reports be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention

0 Opposed
Motion Carried

15. Committee Reports

Appeals Committee

NS/NU Command Appeals Committee Chair Donna McRury referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-13

Moved by Comrade McRury, seconded by Comrade Dawe.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Benevolent Fund

NS/NU Command Benevolent Fund Committee Chairman Donna McRury referred the meeting to the submitted report. She added that the expenses through the Benevolent Fund are increasing and requested that each District relay to their branches the importance of donations to the Benevolent Fund.

NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood informed the meeting that since September, 15 families have been assisted through the Benevolent Fund including 1 homeless veteran having been moved to permanent shelter, 2 veterans identified to NS/NU Command as currently homeless.

NS/NU Command Benevolent Fund Committee Chair Donna McRury thanked all Branches that donate to the Benevolent Fund.

NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood relayed to the meeting that the 10 percent assessment fee that Branches pay to Command is used to fund the Command Service Bureau to assist veterans.

M-14

Moved by Comrade McRury, seconded by Comrade Geddes.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Bursary

NS/NU Command Bursary/Scholarship Committee Chair Joanne Geddes referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-15

Moved by Comrade Geddes, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Legion Magazine

NS/NU Command Immediate Past President Donna McRury referred the meeting to the submitted report. She added that if branches have questions regarding pixel sizes they are to reach out to NS/NU Command Legion Magazine Correspondent James Leadbeater. She also reminded branches to be mindful of the background of photographs submitted.

M-16

Moved by Comrade Geddes, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Comrade McRury assumes the Chair

Complaints

NS/NU Command Complaints Committee Chair Tom Young referred the meeting to the submitted report. He added that Dominion Command is still working on the rewrite of Article III.

M-17

Moved by Comrade Young, seconded by Comrade Gilbert.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Comrade Young assumes the Chair

Constitution and Bylaws

NS/NU Command Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair George Della Valle referred the meeting to the submitted report. He added that approximately 50 percent of Branches have submitted Policy Books, questionnaires and minutes, 16 Branches have submitted 1 or 2 of the required elements. He thanked District F Zone 15 as they are 100 percent complete.

M-18

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Constitution and Law Committee Chair George Della Valle read to the meeting the draft proposal for a NS/NU Command Guidance Committee. He thanked Comrades Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte and Marion Fryday-Cook for their work on the proposal.

M-19

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade McCumber

That the draft proposal for a NS/NU Command Guidance Committee be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Ritual, Awards and Protocol

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber advised the meeting that it would be of value to add a member to the Ritual, Awards and Protocol Committee.

M-20

Moved by Comrade McCumber, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the Ritual, Awards and Protocol Committee be expanded by one member and that member be Comrade Joanne Geddes.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Immediate Past President Donna McRury asked whether it would be possible to organize some training for Branches pertaining to the completion of award applications.

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber responded that he will be asking the NS/NU Command Leadership Committee Chair to convene a meeting to establish a plan for training Branches with the submittal of award applications.

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-21

Moved by Comrade McCumber, seconded by Comrade Gilbert.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Membership

NS/NU Command Membership Committee Chair Lorne MacDonald referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-22

Moved by Comrade MacDonald, seconded by Comrade McCumber.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Personnel Committee

NS/NU Command Personnel Committee Chair referred the meeting the submitted report. He added that a new Command Service Officer has been hired.

M-23

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Poppy and Remembrance

NS/NU Command Poppy and Remembrance Chair Clarence Dawe referred the meeting to the submitted report.

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber outlined that the assistance of D.E.C would need to be sought on the process of proceeding with the motion as outlined in the report pertaining to Article 403 ii of the Poppy Manual..

M-24

Moved by Comrade Clarence, seconded by Comrade MacDonald.

That the submitted report be accepted.

9 Affirmative
0 Abstention
3 Opposed (Hoeg,
McRury, Geddes)
Motion Carried

Comrade McRury assumes the Chair.

Public Relations

NS/NU Command Public Relations Committee Chair Tom Young referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-25

Moved by Comrade Young, seconded by Comrade Della Valle.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Comrade Young assumes the Chair.

Grand Parade

M-26

Moved by Comrade Geddes, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Sports

NS/NU Command Sports Committee Chair Robert Hoeg referred the meeting to the submitted report. He added that a meeting has already taken place with Athletics Nova Scotia regarding the 2024 Track and Field Nationals in Alberta. He informed the meeting that when events are not located in central Canada there is a lot of cost to the families with air travel to fly across Canada.

M-27

Moved by Comrade Hoeg, seconded by Comrade Geddes.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Veterans' Outreach

NS/NU Command Veterans' Outreach Committee Chairman George Della Valle referred the meeting to the submitted report.

He added that a second ABMO will be sent out regarding the Veterans' Farm Project and that a copy of the insurance and Policy Book for the Veterans' Farm Project had been circulated to the Executive Council prior to this meeting. NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood is tracking all donations. It was agreed that a Memorandum of Understanding needs to be put into place between the 2 parties and that a copy of the present insurance policy needs to be provided as the one circulated has expired.

M-28

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Dawe.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Veterans' Service Recognition Book

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-29

Moved by Comrade McCumber, seconded by Comrade Dawe

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Trustees' Report

M-30

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade Della Valle.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber will be sending a letter to Committee Chairs that did not submit a report asking that they send in a report. NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood stated that as previously outlined, all Committee Chairs must submit a report by the deadline for Executive Council meetings. If there is nothing to report at the time the report must still be submitted stating as such.

16. Scheduled Business

NS/NU Command Convention 2025

NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood informed the meeting that one application has been received to host the 2025 NS/NU Command Convention. The application is from Branch 059 Arras in Antigonish.

M-31

Moved by Comrade MacDonald, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the application to host the 2025 NS/NU Command Convention from Branch 059 Arras be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Site visits will take place to confirm the suitability.

The Army Museum Halifax Citadel

NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood read a request for support from The Army Museum Halifax Citadel.

M-32

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That NS/NU Command support The Army Museum Halifax Citadel for the amount of \$1000 a year on an annual basis pending budget approval.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed

Motion Carried

Branch 168 Iqaluit

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber spoke on the property sale at Branch 168, no motions were made.

Veteran Beds/Long-Term Care

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber informed the meeting that his meeting with The Nova Scotia Legislature Standing Committee of Veteran Affairs which was scheduled for November 20th was cancelled and rescheduled for March/April.

Bequest to NS/NU Command

NS/NU Command Finance Committee Chair George Della Valle informed the meeting that the Ad hoc committee (which consisted of the current Finance Committee) that was formed to seek input from District Commanders and Command Standing Committees regarding the \$332,540.63 bequest had completed its consultation.

M-33

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the \$332,540.63 be invested for another 12 month term.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

The meeting recessed at approx. 12.13 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at approx. 12.22 pm.

Leave the Streets Behind Program

NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood presented the Leave the Streets Behind Program. NS/NU Command President Don McCumber requested that information be provided from other smaller Provinces such as PEI or New Brunswick if

they are running the Program. Through discussion it was agreed that the Veterans' Outreach Committee would look into the Program further and will invite NS/NU Command Benevolent Committee Chair Donna McRury to the meeting.

17. Other Business

Resolutions

NS/NU Command Resolutions Chair Conrad Gilbert relayed to the meeting that resolutions have to be received by Dominion Command at least 112 days prior to Convention with the deadline being May 4, 2024. In consultation with NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood he will arrange an ABMO providing information on how to submit resolutions.

Correspondence

NS/NU Command District A Commander Clarence Dawe informed the meeting that correspondence was received from the Acadia University singers who plan to make a pilgrimage to various sites across Europe including John McCrae's gravesite. NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood informed the meeting that he is awaiting a response from Dominion Command as the group has submitted an application for funding through Dominion Command.

Branch 123 Whycomomagh

NS/NU Command District A Commander Clarence Dawe informed the meeting that Zone 3 Commander John Langley has been working hard to try to keep Branch 123 Whycomomagh afloat.

18. President's Closing Remarks

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber thanked all for attending the meeting.

19. Next Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on May 25, 2024 at 8.30 am via Zoom.

20. Motion For Adjournment

M-34

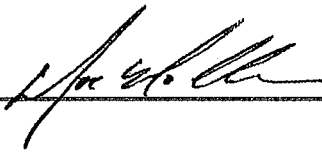
Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade Della Valle.

That the meeting be adjourned at approximately 1.35 pm.

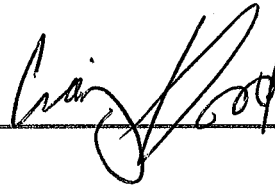
12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

21. Closing Ritual

The Closing Ritual was conducted by NS/NU Command 1st Vice President George Della Valle.



Don McCumber
President
Nova Scotia Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion



Craig Hood
Executive Director
Nova Scotia Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion

**NS/NU Command Executive Council
Veterans Services Report**

Veterans Services is dealing with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) disability applications, reviews/appeals and when requested assist with Benevolent fund applications.

In 2023:

- We handled 732 Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) files (note 1)
- We made 3 home visits (note 2*)
- We had 217 favorable and 54 unfavorable VAC disability claim decisions.
- We had 70 VAC disability claims withdrawn (note 3)
- We were responsible for over \$16,237,354.34 dollars awarded. Which is the equivalent to financial lump sums for VAC disability claims., 19 new monthly pensions and increases. As important to these monetary pay outs are the medical benefits given to each person for the rest of their life.

Note 1 - This includes Disability claims (first applications and departmental reviews), but also such things as Veterans Independence Program applications, Caregiver Recognition Benefit applications, Survivor applications, etc. Includes also 174 files first received and moved to Ottawa as overflow logs.

Note 2 - As of July 18, 2023, ALL Home Visits by Command Service Officers were stopped due to Safety Concerns. 3 home visits had been completed prior to these changes.

Note 3 - Claims are withdrawn for various reasons such as Veterans moving and not forwarding new contact information or Veterans not following through with their responsibilities in the process after an excess of a 5 months of assistance.

Since our last report, our Command Service Officers:

With the developing relationships and networks from those of Transition Centres and VAC Customer Support Centres, we have seen a vast increase in veterans looking for assistance with administrative work for Disability claim applications. The influx in active members who are being released either within 3 months to one (1) year time frame and making their first contact to us has grown exponentially. While the Transition Centres for many are the first point of contact, they are quickly being referred over to us so that we can begin to assist them in their paperwork, however many at the Transition Centre are not so clear as to what services we can assist with. A great example of this is the Greenwood Transition Centre and our Kingston Legion Branch. Together, through many coordination efforts, we have been able to better facilitate the transitions of those who are in need of disability claim services as they prepare to release from Military service. Word of mouth has also contributed to many active service members reaching out on a daily basis directly to Command. The work being put forward is also being noted via VAC, as we have also seen an increase of calls from VAC Reps and Case Managers calling directly to Command for assistance in navigating the paperwork but also networking with them and other partners to provided "outside of the box" assistance for those in need.

Often, we serve as traffic control between the many areas of VAC and veterans reaching out for assistance, via email, phone, fax and regular Canada Post mail.

The Eastern Regional Service Professional Development Seminar has not yet been restarted, but we are in works of preparing for the next session of training. We are excited and looking forward to conducting our first in-person Branch Service Officer training in the field since Covid shut it down. More information to come.

On behalf of the Command Veterans Services, thanks to all 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 Veterans Services would not be accomplished without all your assistance.

Ken George, CD
Veterans Services

Lorena Forrest
Veterans Services

2023

	Ken	Lorena	Totals
Waiting for Decisions (Submites 2023)	5	77	82
Waiting for Decisions (Submites 2022)	12	0	12
Active Files	0	93	93
Fav. Decisions	9	208	217
Unfav Decisions	9	45	54
Withdrawn claims	2	68	70
Departmental Reviews	0	2	2
VIP Applications	0	65	65
Total Files	37	558	595
Total Payouts for 2023	\$291,181.30	\$15,946,173.04	\$ 16,237,354.34
Home visits (Help, Farm Project, etc)	0	0	0

Presidents' Report

Executive Council Meeting February 24/2024

Welcome Comrades to our February Executive Council Meeting.

Since our last meeting of September 30th,2023 I have attended numerous Branch events. These visits have given me an opportunity to meet many of our comrades throughout the Branches. These members are dedicated to assisting their Branch and most importantly service to our Veterans. The visits have also given me the opportunity to relay information to our membership as to the efforts of our Command. I thank the Branches for their kind hospitality shown to me, going so far as to opening your doors to me for accommodation. I certainly enjoy staying within your homes and also is a cost saving to our Command. I have had the privilege of attending the candlelight service at Camp Hill along with the Lt. Governor and his wife as well as presenting the first poppy to he and his wife. I also attended the Lt. Governors' Christmas social and it was nice to meet so many that represented organizations that we associate with. Our Grand Parade, Remembrance Service was a great success although it had to be moved to Sullivan's' Pond. I thank District F Commander, Joanne Geddes and her team for overcoming the many

challenges that were presented to the committee. Let's hope things will be resolved by next years' event.

I had the opportunity to attend my first DEC meeting in Ottawa. It was an opportunity to meet many members of Dominion Command that I have had the opportunity to work with over my past 50 years of service. I can assure you that the members of Dominion Executive Council are working on our behalf and are doing all they can in the best interest of our Branches and Veterans. I was pleased to get support from DEC as we move forward In our attempt to ensure our Veterans are provided with Long Term Care and remain within the many Veteran Units within our Command. They as well are pushing for changes in the criteria as it pertains to LTC. Comrade Past President Donna McRury was installed as Dominion Treasure and I as well as your Provincial President was installed as a member of Dominion Council. Within our Command we are dealing with and have dealt with several complaints. These complaints can bring high costs to the Branch and Command due to hearings. Many of these complaints can and should be resolved at the Branch Level. These complaints can certainly affect the moral of the entire Branch. It is important that we all realize why we belong to this organization. Our main focus is to support our Veterans. Please become familiar with the Command benevolent fund as well as the programs that are available through our

Outreach Programs. As we deliberate this weekend we will have several important issues to deal with. Our budget will be set which will give us the guideline to proceed with the projects and the overall operation of our Command for the next year. This will include the hiring of a Veterans ' Service Officer. We have been operating with one Service Officer and receiving assistance from Dominion Command. In 2022 alone our Service Officers were responsible in assistance of some 14 million dollars in benefits to our Veterans and this figure has certainly increased. During this meeting we will hear the District reports. This will give Executive Council and opportunity to find out how well the Branches are doing. I know some are doing very well, However, there are some that may need our assistance. Branches need to know that we are here for support, please do not hesitate to contact the Command office. Just a note as well to let all know that we have hired a new webmaster and look forward to the website revamp that will be helpful to all. I thank the Staff of Command and the members of Executive Council for your support to me and the time you all spend with the operation of our Command. I had a slogan that I used in past and I think is most appropriate with any organization.

"If you can't Contribute, then Please do not Contaminate."

Let us all work together in harmony for the purpose of which this organization was formed. I wish the Branches much success in the coming year.

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.”

Don McCumber

President

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command

The Royal Canadian Legion

Finance Report

Chairman George DellaValle, 1st VP

Don McCumber, President

Harry Jackson, 2nd VP

Conrad Gilbert, Treasurer

Executive Director Craig Hood, Secretary

Comrades

Monthly financial statements are being reviewed and copies are being sent to members of the Executive Committee. A Finance Committee zoom meeting was held in Jan and Feb to discuss a donation for the Veterans Farm Project "Build Back Better". A vote was conducted, and all members of EC voted in favor of the proposed action. An Ad Hoc committee was be formed as part of the Finance Committee to seek input from Executive Council and Zone Commanders on potential uses for the 330,000 Bequeath funds. The Ad Hoc/Finance Committee, upon completion of widest consultation, formulate a proposal. This will be discussed at the EC Meeting for Executive Council approval at the February 24th meeting. The Finance Committee reviews all Command investments on a regular basis, and we had 2 investments that were reinvested 14 Feb the maturing date. Currently they are reinvest at a rate of a 388 day locked in GIC at a rate of 5.20%. All Maturing GIC's are monitored, and the best interest rates are sought out for your approval. The end year financials and proposed 2024 budget will be next on the agenda.

Respectfully Submitted

George DellaValle

Chairman Finance/Building

RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command

General Fund - General Statement (2 Pages)

December-23

YTD, 2023

Actual Dec	Budget Dec	Variance December-23
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Actual YTD	Budget 2023	Variance YTD
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OPERATING REVENUE

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 5,555.24	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,755.24
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 2,135.42	\$ 1,545.00	\$ 590.42
\$ 10,050.91	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,050.91
\$ 17,741.57	\$ 9,345.00	\$ 8,396.57

General Revenue

4015	Percentage of Dominion Sales Revenue	
4100	Taxable Command Supply Sale	
4200	Interest Income	
4250	Postage & Courier Income - (non-poppy)	
4050	Miscellaneous Revenue	
4280	#REF!	
4350	NS/NU Convention Revenue	
4400	Per Capita Tax (Current Membership Fees) per	
4525	Veterans Service Recognition Booklet	
4526	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	

\$ 5,278.37	\$ 6,500.00	\$ (1,221.63)
\$ 1,351.86	\$ 800.00	\$ 551.86
\$ 46,666.69	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 27,666.69
\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00
\$ 11,440.28	\$ 500.00	\$ 10,940.28
\$ 5,050.00	-	\$ 5,050.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 193,431.51	\$ 178,348.25	\$ 15,083.26
\$ 88,380.31	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 3,380.31
\$ 351,609.02	\$ 290,148.25	\$ 61,460.77

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

\$ 1,076.95	\$ -	\$ 1,076.95
\$ 6,834.98	\$ 8,004.46	\$ (1,169.48)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 524.47	\$ 461.35	\$ 63.12
\$ 14.00	\$ 182.85	\$ (168.65)
\$ 78.00	\$ 234.00	\$ (156.00)
\$ 40.78	\$ 48.83	\$ (8.05)
\$ 235.66	\$ 375.00	\$ (139.34)
\$ (570.75)	\$ 225.00	\$ (795.75)
\$ 102.59	\$ 100.00	\$ 2.59
\$ 184.83	\$ 200.00	\$ (15.17)
\$ 1,495.00	\$ -	\$ 1,495.00
\$ -	\$ 2,083.34	\$ (2,083.34)
\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
\$ 1,144.51	\$ 1,167.00	\$ (22.49)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,051.52	\$ -	\$ 1,051.52
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 90.73	\$ -	\$ 90.73
\$ 72.32	\$ -	\$ 72.32
\$ 70.41	\$ 80.00	\$ (9.59)
\$ 12,446.00	\$ 14,661.63	\$ (2,215.63)

General Expenses

5020	Branch Supplies Purchases	
5130	Salaries - General	
5135	Vacation Pay - General	
5150	CPP Expense - General	
5160	EI Expense - General	
5170	RRSP Employer Expense - General	
5180	Workers Compensation - General	
5200	Telephone/Fax - General	
5210	Office Supplies - General	
5215	Computer Expense - General	
5220	Postage & Courier - General	
5229	Legal / Professional - General	
5230	Audit - General	
5235	Assistance to Branches	
5240	Donations - General	
5245	Amortization - General	
5250	Leasing Contracts - General	
5255	NS/NU Command Use - General (eg. Staff bon	
5260	Staff Training - General	
5265	Sundries - Coffee, General Items	
5270	Membership Renewal Expenses	
5280	Interest & Bank Charges - General	
	Total General Expenses	

\$ 2,399.32	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,549.32
\$ 92,680.85	\$ 117,681.53	\$ (25,000.68)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 5,472.38	\$ 6,785.81	\$ (1,313.43)
\$ 1,809.78	\$ 2,685.31	\$ (875.53)
\$ 2,067.00	\$ 3,393.00	\$ (1,326.00)
\$ 515.08	\$ 717.86	\$ (202.78)
\$ 4,013.23	\$ 4,500.00	\$ (486.77)
\$ 5,791.42	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 1,391.42
\$ 9,641.34	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 2,441.34
\$ 7,559.98	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 1,059.98
\$ 14,950.00	\$ -	\$ 14,950.00
\$ 19,841.48	\$ 25,000.00	\$ (5,158.52)
\$ 997.06	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (49,002.94)
\$ 1,165.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 665.00
\$ 13,734.12	\$ 14,000.00	\$ (265.88)
\$ 5,508.60	\$ 3,506.30	\$ 2,002.30
\$ 4,258.39	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 3,158.39
\$ 487.60	\$ -	\$ 487.60
\$ 856.84	\$ 600.00	\$ 256.84
\$ 470.08	\$ -	\$ 470.08
\$ 1,133.45	\$ 900.00	\$ 233.45
\$ 195,353.00	\$ 250,319.81	\$ 54,966.81

Occupancy Expenses

\$ 414.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 39.00
\$ 30.00	\$ 33.33	\$ (3.33)
\$ 194.06	\$ 125.00	\$ 69.06
\$ 347.79	\$ 440.00	\$ (92.21)
\$ 931.90	\$ 450.00	\$ 481.90
\$ 1,239.25	\$ 708.37	\$ 530.88
\$ 3,157.00	\$ 2,131.70	\$ 1,025.30

5310	Repairs & Maintenance - General	
5320	Fire Tax - General	
5330	Water - General	
5350	Electricity - General	
5360	Cleaning Expense - General	
5370	Insurance - General	
	Total Occupancy Expenses	

\$ 10,715.10	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,715.10
\$ 470.99	\$ 400.00	\$ 70.99
\$ 974.53	\$ 556.88	\$ 417.65
\$ 3,486.88	\$ 4,500.00	\$ (1,013.12)
\$ 7,157.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 1,557.00
\$ 12,031.54	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 3,531.54
\$ 34,836.04	\$ 24,556.88	\$ 10,279.16

RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
General Fund - General Statement (2 Pages)

December-23

YTD, 2023

Actual Dec	Budget Dec	Variance December-23
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Actual YTD	Budget 2023	Variance YTD
\$ 25,521.28	\$ 34,500.00	\$ (8,978.72)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 25,521.28	\$ 34,500.00	\$ (8,978.72)

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 12.50	\$ (12.50)
\$ 6,175.00	\$ 6,825.00	\$ (650.00)
\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)
\$ -	\$ 7.33	\$ (7.33)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 367.50	\$ (367.50)
\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ (375.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ (10.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 860.24	\$ 1,050.00	\$ (189.76)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 166.66	\$ (166.66)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 7,535.24	\$ 9,663.99	\$ (2,128.75)
\$ 23,138.24	\$ 26,457.32	\$ (3,319.08)

Convention Cost
5385 NS/NU Comm Convention Costs - General
5390 Dominion Convention Costs - General
Total Convention Cost

Travel & Allowances
5402 Personnel Committee - General
5405 Legion Magazine - General
5410 Council Officers Allowance - General
5415 NS/NU Executive Council Expense - General
5420 Hospitality - General
5425 Sub-Exec (Special Call) - General
5435 Membership Committee - General
5440 Honours & Awards/By-Laws Committee - General
5445 Finance/Bldg Committee - General
5450 Cadet Medal Committee - General
5455 Resolutions Committee - General
5460 Gaming & Alcohol Committee - General
5465 Veterans Serv & Legion Seniors - Gen
5470 Special Functions - General
5475 Appeal Committee
5477 Mediation/Investigation
5480 Command President Exp - General
5485 Public Relations - Adv - General
5487 Veterans Service Recognition Booklet
5489 Dist.Commanders Allotted Expenses (fr.VSRB)
5490 Executive Directors Expense - General
5492 Bursary Committee Expenses
5493 Trustees Inventory Committee
5495 Legion Leadership & Dev Comm
5496 Complaint Committee - General
5497 Administrative Other - General
5498 Treasurer Expenses - General
5535 NS Veterans Organization
5952 Veterans Services Bk. Charges
Total Travel & Allowances

\$ 1,716.94	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (283.06)
\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)
\$ 11,348.62	\$ 13,650.00	\$ (2,301.38)
\$ 11,703.35	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,703.35
\$ 1,012.84	\$ 100.00	\$ 912.84
\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
\$ 66.12	\$ 1,470.00	\$ (1,403.88)
\$ 1,283.40	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (216.60)
\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 85.00	\$ (85.00)
\$ 100.32	\$ -	\$ 100.32
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,535.35	\$ -	\$ 1,535.35
\$ 12,612.22	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,612.22
\$ 624.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 424.00
\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,825.00	\$ (825.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 2,866.67	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 866.67
\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)
\$ -	\$ 1,093.37	\$ (1,093.37)
\$ 134.82	\$ 6,350.00	\$ (6,215.18)
\$ 1,016.26	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (1,983.74)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 469.33	\$ 500.00	\$ (30.67)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 52,490.24	\$ 60,623.37	\$ (8,133.13)
\$ 308,200.56	\$ 370,000.06	\$ (61,799.50)

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Administration NET INCOME (LOSS)

\$ (5,396.67)	\$ (17,112.32)	\$ 11,715.65
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\$ 43,408.46	\$ (79,851.81)	\$ 123,260.27
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**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Programs Fund - Programs Statement**

December-23

YTD, 2023

Actual Budget Variance
Dec Dec December-23

Actual Budget 2023 Variance
YTD YTD

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

PROGRAM REVENUE	
4450	Leadership Training Camp Income - (incl donation fr Lotto & VSRB)
4285	Miscellaneous Income -LTC
4550	Sports Revenues
	Total Program Revenue

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

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

PROGRAM EXPENSES	
5545	Leadership Training Camp
5546	Grand Parade
5556	Trust 1 Bursary
	TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES

\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	57.19	\$	750.00	\$	(692.81)
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	57.19	\$	750.00	\$	(692.81)

\$	711.35	\$	-	\$	711.35
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	711.35	\$	-	\$	711.35

SPORTS EXPENSES	
5505	Sports Committee Expense - General
5510	Darts Expense - General
5520	Cribbage Expense - General
5522	8 Ball Pool - General
5525	Track & Field Expense - General
	TOTAL SPORTS EXPENSES

\$	996.70	\$	100.00	\$	896.70
\$	745.32	\$	800.00	\$	(64.68)
\$	269.20	\$	1,000.00	\$	(730.80)
\$	970.42	\$	675.00	\$	295.42
\$	16,868.64	\$	20,000.00	\$	(3,131.36)
\$	19,850.28	\$	22,575.00	\$	(2,724.72)

\$	711.35	\$	-	\$	-
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TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES

\$	19,907.47	\$	23,325.00	\$	(3,417.53)
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\$	(711.35)	\$	-	\$	(711.35)
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\$	(19,907.47)	\$	(23,325.00)	\$	3,417.53
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RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Poppy Fund - Poppy Statement

December-23

YTD, 2023

Actual Budget Variance
Dec Dec December-23

Actual Budget 2023 Variance
YTD YTD YTD

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 20.50	\$ 6,300.00	\$ (6,320.50)
\$ 822.00	\$ -	\$ 822.00
\$ 315.76	\$ -	\$ 315.76
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
\$ 2,594.04	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,794.04
\$ 242.00	\$ -	\$ 242.00
\$ 3,994.30	\$ 7,600.00	\$ (3,646.70)

POPPY REVENUE

4601	Poppy Promotional Free Items
4610	Taxable Poppy Sales
4615	Non-Taxable Poppy Sales
4623	Assessed Poppy
4616	Poppy Sales Adjustment
4620	Postage & Courier Income - Poppy
4630	Interest Income Poppy
4650	Donation Income - Poppy
	Total Poppy Revenue

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 63,319.81	\$ 68,129.61	\$ (4,809.80)
\$ 395,528.88	\$ 431,552.62	\$ (36,023.74)
\$ 117,092.84	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 42,092.84
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)
\$ 23,242.72	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,242.72
\$ 1,725.89	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (774.11)
\$ 600,910.14	\$ 588,682.23	\$ 12,227.91

\$ 3,385.80	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,385.80
\$ 1,499.98	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 499.98
\$ 4,885.78	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,885.78

Poppy Purchases

5610	Taxable Poppy Purchases
5615	Non-Taxable Poppy Purchases
	Total Poppy Purchases

\$ 49,711.27	\$ 49,810.87	\$ (99.60)
\$ 287,782.43	\$ 316,012.27	\$ (28,229.84)
\$ 337,493.70	\$ 365,823.14	\$ (28,329.44)

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 299.45	\$ 285.00	\$ 14.45
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 25.65	\$ 55.00	\$ (29.35)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 8.62	\$ 50.00	\$ (41.38)
\$ (678.11)	\$ -	\$ (678.11)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 4,671.40	\$ 8,508.59	\$ (3,837.19)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 4,994.81	\$ 5,954.19	\$ (959.38)
\$ 78.56	\$ 125.00	\$ (46.44)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 9,400.38	\$ 14,977.78	\$ (5,577.40)

Poppy Expenses

5625	Advertising - Poppy
5627	Building Maint - Poppy
5629	Service Contracts - Poppy
5630	NS/NU Bursary Cheques - Poppy (24@\$500.00)
5635	Computer Expenses - Poppy
5640	Donations - Poppy
5650	Interest & Bank Charges Poppy
5655	NS/NU Command Office Use-Poppy
5660	Office Supplies - Poppy
5665	Postage & Courier - Poppy
5670	Poster & Essay Winners - Poppy
5671-78	Wages & Benefits
5679	Special Functions - Poppy
5680	Service Officer Travel - Poppy
5685	Secretarial - Poppy
5690	Telephone - Poppy
5693	Transfer to Veterans Outreach
5695	Public Relations - Poppy
	Total Poppy Expenses

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 2,917.28	\$ 3,085.63	\$ (168.35)
\$ -	\$ 876.58	\$ (876.58)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 2,547.24	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 747.24
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,599.15	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 499.15
\$ 1,554.86	\$ -	\$ 1,554.86
\$ 1,173.60	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (26.40)
\$ 95,250.16	\$ 110,611.61	\$ (15,361.45)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
\$ 68,349.43	\$ 87,509.00	\$ (19,159.57)
\$ 1,312.23	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (187.77)
\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (12,000.00)
\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
\$ 175,703.95	\$ 222,782.82	\$ (47,078.87)

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

Travel & Allowances

5430	Poppy Committee
	Total Travel & Allowances

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

\$ 14,286.16	\$ 16,977.78	\$ (2,691.62)
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TOTAL POPPY EXPENDITURES

\$ 513,197.65	\$ 588,605.96	\$ (75,408.31)
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\$ (10,291.86)	\$ (9,377.78)	\$ (955.08)
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Poppy Net Income (Loss)

\$ 87,712.49	\$ 76.27	\$ 87,636.22
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**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Elsie Jean Lambert Fund - EJ Lambert Statement**

December-23

YTD, 2023

Actual Budget Variance
December-23 December-23 December-23

Actual Budget 2023 Variance
YTD YTD

\$ 645.64	\$ 500.00	\$ 145.64
\$ 645.64	\$ 500.00	\$ 145.64

LAMBERT INCOME

Interest Income -			
Lambert used for Bursary Funding			
4910 re: E J Lambert	\$ 6,589.37	\$ 2,453.62	\$ 4,135.75
Total Bursary/Scholarship Income	\$ 6,589.37	\$ 2,453.62	\$ 4,135.75

\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 5.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -
\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 5.00

LAMBERT EXPENSES

5905 Bank Charges - Lambert	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ 45.00
5910 Elsie Lambert Scholarship Cheques	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,453.62	\$ (253.62)
			\$ -
TOTAL LAMBERT EXPENSES	\$ 2,245.00	\$ 2,453.62	\$ (208.62)

\$ 640.64	\$ 500.00	\$ 140.64
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Net Income (Loss)	\$ 4,344.37	\$ -	\$ 4,344.37
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**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Benevolent Fund - Benevolent Statement**

December-23

Actual	Budget	Variance
December-23	December-23	December-23

\$	3,475.00	\$	-	\$	3,475.00
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	3,085.04	\$	250.00	\$	2,835.04
\$	6,560.04	\$	250.00	\$	6,310.04

\$	645.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	(1,355.00)
\$	4.13	\$	5.00	\$	(0.87)

\$	649.13	\$	2,005.00	\$	(1,355.87)
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\$	5,910.91	\$	(1,755.00)	\$	7,665.91
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December-23

Actual	Budget	Variance
D-23	D-23	D-23

\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
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\$	-	\$	4,500.00	\$	(4,500.00)
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\$	-	\$	(4,500.00)	\$	4,500.00
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YTD, 2023

Actual	Budget 2023	Variance
YTD	YTD	YTD

BENEVOLENT REVENUE

4810	Donations - Benevolent	\$	62,397.00	\$	30,000.00	\$	32,397.00
4815	Veterans Transition Program	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
4820	Interest Income - Benevolent	\$	22,377.53	\$	3,000.00	\$	19,377.53
	TOTAL BENEVOLENT REVENUE	\$	84,774.53	\$	33,000.00	\$	51,774.53

BENEVOLENT EXPENSES

5810	Benevolent Disbursements	\$	20,774.26	\$	42,000.00	\$	(21,225.74)
5820	Bank Charges	\$	87.63	\$	65.00	\$	22.63

TOTAL BENEVOLENT EXPENSES

\$	20,861.89	\$	42,065.00	\$	(21,203.11)
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Total Benevolent Net Income (Loss)

\$	63,912.64	\$	(9,065.00)	\$	72,977.64
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YTD, 2022

Actual	Budget 2022	Variance
YTD	YTD	YTD

VETERANS OUTREACH REVENUE

4553	Veterans Outreach Program	\$	2,500.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	(17,500.00)
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VETERANS OUTREACH EXPENSES

5830	Veterans Outreach Program	\$	31,067.07	\$	35,000.00	\$	(3,932.93)
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Total Veterans Outreach Net Income (Loss)

\$	(28,567.07)	\$	(15,000.00)	\$	(13,567.07)
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**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Summary - General Fund**

December-23			YTD, 2023				
Actual D-23	Budget D-23	Variance D-23		Actual YTD	Budget 2023	Variance YTD	
\$ 17,741.57	\$ 9,345.00	\$ 8,396.57	Revenue - General	Total	\$ 351,609.02	\$ 290,148.25	\$ 61,460.77
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Revenue - Programs	Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>\$ 17,741.57</u>	<u>\$ 9,345.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,396.57</u>		Revenue Total	<u>\$ 351,609.02</u>	<u>\$ 290,148.25</u>	<u>\$ 61,460.77</u>
\$ 23,138.24	\$ 26,457.32	\$ (3,319.08)	Expense - General	Total	\$ 308,200.56	\$ 370,000.06	\$ (61,799.50)
\$ 711.35	\$ -	\$ 711.35	Expense - Programs	Total	\$ 19,907.47	\$ 23,325.00	\$ (3,417.53)
<u>\$ 23,849.59</u>	<u>\$ 26,457.32</u>	<u>\$ (2,607.73)</u>		Expense Total	<u>\$ 328,108.03</u>	<u>\$ 393,325.06</u>	<u>\$ (65,217.03)</u>
<u>\$ (6,108.02)</u>	<u>\$ (17,112.32)</u>	<u>\$ 11,004.30</u>	Net Income (Loss)		<u>\$ 23,500.99</u>	<u>\$ (103,176.81)</u>	<u>\$ 126,677.80</u>

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Summary - Poppy Fund**

December-23			YTD, 2023				
Actual D-23	Budget D-23	Variance D-23		Actual YTD	Budget 2023	Variance YTD	
\$ 3,994.30	\$ 7,600.00	\$ (3,605.70)	Revenue - Poppy	Total	\$ 600,910.14	\$ 588,682.23	\$ 12,227.91
<u>\$ 3,994.30</u>	<u>\$ 7,600.00</u>	<u>\$ (3,605.70)</u>		Revenue Total	<u>\$ 600,910.14</u>	<u>\$ 588,682.23</u>	<u>\$ 12,227.91</u>
\$ 14,286.16	\$ 16,977.78	\$ (2,691.62)	Expense - Poppy	Total	\$ 513,197.65	\$ 588,605.96	\$ (75,408.31)
<u>\$ 14,286.16</u>	<u>\$ 16,977.78</u>	<u>\$ (2,691.62)</u>		Expense Total	<u>\$ 513,197.65</u>	<u>\$ 588,605.96</u>	<u>\$ (75,408.31)</u>
<u>\$ (10,291.86)</u>	<u>\$ (9,377.78)</u>	<u>\$ (914.08)</u>	Net Income (Loss)		<u>\$ 87,712.49</u>	<u>\$ 76.27</u>	<u>\$ 87,636.22</u>

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Summary - Elsie Jean Lambert Fund**

December-23			YTD, 2023				
Actual D-23	Budget D-23	Variance D-23		Actual YTD	Budget 2023	Variance YTD	
\$ 645.64	\$ 500.00	\$ 145.64	Revenue - Lambert	Total	\$ 6,589.37	\$ 2,453.62	\$ 4,135.75
<u>\$ 645.64</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 145.64</u>		Revenue Total	<u>\$ 6,589.37</u>	<u>\$ 2,453.62</u>	<u>\$ 4,135.75</u>
\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 5.00	Expense - Lambert	Total	\$ 2,245.00	\$ 2,453.62	\$ (208.62)
<u>\$ 5.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>		Expense Total	<u>\$ 2,245.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,453.62</u>	<u>\$ (208.62)</u>
<u>\$ 640.64</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 140.64</u>	Net Income (Loss)		<u>\$ 4,344.37</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,344.37</u>

\$ 45,261.00

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Summary - Benevolent Fund**

December-23

YTD, 2023

December-23			YTD, 2023			
Actual D-23	Budget D-23	Variance D-23		Actual YTD	Budget 2023	Variance YTD
\$ 6,560.04	\$ 250.00	\$ 6,310.04	Revenue -Benevolent	\$ 84,774.53	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 51,774.53
\$ -	\$ -		Revenue -Veterans Outreach	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (17,500.00)
<u>\$ 6,560.04</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,310.04</u>	Revenue Total	<u>\$ 87,274.53</u>	<u>\$ 53,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 34,274.53</u>
\$ 649.13	\$ 2,005.00	\$ (1,355.87)	Expense - Benevolent	\$ 20,861.89	\$ 42,065.00	\$ (21,203.11)
\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ (4,500.00)	Expense -Veterans Outreach	\$ 31,067.07	\$ 35,000.00	\$ (3,932.93)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Expense - PAWS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>\$ 649.13</u>	<u>\$ 6,505.00</u>	<u>\$ (5,855.87)</u>	Expense Total	<u>\$ 51,928.96</u>	<u>\$ 77,065.00</u>	<u>\$ (25,136.04)</u>
<u>\$ 5,910.91</u>	<u>\$ (6,255.00)</u>	<u>\$ 12,165.91</u>	Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 35,345.57</u>	<u>\$ (24,065.00)</u>	<u>\$ 59,410.57</u>

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

December-23

YTD, 2023

December-23			YTD, 2023			
Actual D-23	Budget D-23	Variance D-23		Actual YTD	Budget 2023	Variance YTD
\$ 28,941.55	\$ 17,695.00	\$ 11,246.55	Revenue	\$ 1,046,383.06	\$ 934,284.10	\$ 112,098.96
\$ 38,789.88	\$ 49,940.10	\$ (11,150.22)	Expenses	\$ 895,479.64	\$ 1,061,449.64	\$ (165,970.00)
<u>\$ (9,848.33)</u>	<u>\$ (32,245.10)</u>	<u>\$ 22,396.77</u>	Net Income	<u>\$ 150,903.42</u>	<u>\$ (127,165.54)</u>	<u>\$ 278,068.96</u>

Approved _____

Date _____

RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Investments Statement

December-23

Visa Points	497,816
Plus: Current Points Earned	
Less: Redeemed Points	-
	497,816

December-23

Scotiabank Investment Listing:	GL Acct	Purchase Date	Orig. Invest.	Int. Rate	Term	Maturity	Balance Sheet Value as of Last month	New Balance Sheet Value
GIC IWL2B2-Elsie Jean Lambert	1151	03-Apr-23	\$200,000.00	3.94%	12	Mar.30/24	\$203,920.98	\$205,899.94
GIC (long term) 22DTR6	1168	05-Jun-23	\$25,000.00	4.80%	30	Dec 5,2023	\$25,206.09	\$25,690.41
GIC (long term)22DTR7	1171	05-Jun-23	\$100,000.00	4.80%	30	Dec 5,2023	\$100,824.33	\$102,761.64
GIC (long term) 22DYL P	1169	05-Jun-23	\$80,000.00	4.80%	30	Dec 5,2023	\$80,659.46	\$82,209.32
GIC (short-term) 1XX14X	1176	Jul.27/22	\$50,000.00	4.40%	14	Sep.27.23	\$50,458.07	\$50,681.10
GIC (Short-Term) 12KYSS	1166	Dec.06/22	\$72,657.57	5.00%	12	Dec.06/23	\$75,655.72	\$76,562.17
GIC 1HRY6T	1190	Feb.14/19	\$50,000.00	3.15%	60	Feb.14/24	\$57,368.27	\$58,176.93
GIC 1HRY6V	1191	Feb.14/19	\$50,000.00	3.15%	60	Feb.14/24	\$57,368.27	\$58,176.93
SMC GIC - Benevelonet	1111	2023-08-09	\$332,540.63	5.25%	13	Sep-24	\$335,231.97	\$339,476.15
							\$906,693.16	\$999,634.58

BURSARY FUNDING (and INFORMATION)

- 1) Prince of Wales from Dept of Education \$6,000.00 split any way
no amount is budgeted because Dept of Education processes the cheques
- 2) Elsie Jean Lambert Scholarship in amount of Interest Revenue from previous year
- 3) Trust Bursary Fund = 5000.00 (Trust 1- Operating Bank Account) 5 @ 1000.00 each

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Balance Sheet As at Dec 31, 2023**

ASSET

Current Assets

Petty Cash	387.03
Emergency Cash-Poppy	2,004.50
Scotiabank - General ..*5119	701,422.82
Scotiabank - Poppy ..*7014	565,465.05
Scotiabank -Veteran S Recog ..*5518	13,452.43
Scotiabank - Benevolent ..0813	403,732.65
Scotiabank - Lambert (new) ..3111	2,848.29
Scotiabank - WebDonations ..0817	1,579.41
Scotiabank - Programs ..00*4710	1,496.76
SMC GIC- Sept 24 @ 5.25% Benev Fund	339,476.15
GIC - E.J. Lambert_ends 03/24	205,899.94
ScotiaBank Invest 1879147ends 12/25	76,562.17
GIC GIC 22DTR6 4.8% Dec 5/25	25,690.41
LT GIC -22DTLP 4.8% Dec5/25	82,209.32
GIC-longterm, 22DTR7 4.8% Dec5/25	102,761.64
ScotiaBank Invest 23VVBXC Nov 4/24	50,681.10
Scotia Bank Invest 1FN40J_end 07/21	0.00
Scotia Bank Invest 1HRY6T_end 02/24	58,176.93
Scotia Bank Invest 1HRY6V_end 02/24	58,176.93
Scotia Bank Invest 1K0HTL_end 05/21	0.00
Scotia Bank Invest 1K0HV1_end 05/21	0.00
Accounts Receivable Control	94,132.34
Accounts Receivable Adjust	1,463.10
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	-3,717.19
Due fr General to Poppy	185.26
Due from Elsie Lambert to General	1,100.00
Due from Poppy to General	395,119.14
Due from Benevolent to General	177.45
Due from General to E J Lambert	-1,100.00
Dur From Trust one to General	0.00
Inventory - Poppy and Wreath	19,471.48
Poppy Promotional (free) items	389.45
Inventory- Command Store	733.40
Inventory - Promotional Supplies	3,524.11
Inventory Adjustment	2,804.76
Prepaid Expenses	9,914.00
Total Current Assets	3,216,220.83

Capital Assets

Land	128,179.94
Building	550,001.30
Accum. Amort. - Building	-275,215.12
Net - Building	274,786.18
Office Furniture & Equipment	128,052.05
Accum. Amort. - Furn. & Equip.	-125,324.07
Net - Furniture & Equipment	2,727.98
Computer Equipment	19,238.05
Accum. Amort - Computer Equipment	-16,820.32
Net : Computer Equipment	2,417.73
Total Capital Assets	408,111.83

TOTAL ASSET

3,624,332.66

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	6,103.42
Vacation Accrual Paid	-1,458.26
Accrued Vacation	1,458.26
Accrued Liabilities	16,718.89
Visa Payable	0.00

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Balance Sheet As at Dec 31, 2023**

RRSP Contributions Payable	260.00
CPP Payable	1,755.52
EI Payable	614.16
Workers Comp Payable	93.38
Federal Income Tax Payable	3,177.00
HST Charged on Sales	4,003.96
HST Paid on Purchases	-2,649.56
HST Owing (Refund)	1,354.40
HST Adjustment	-1,723.88
Owing to General from Poppy	395,304.40
Due to General from Benevolent	177.45
Due to General From Trust one	0.00
Deferred Revenue	334,204.38
Total Current Liabilities	758,039.12
Long Term Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue Long Term	0.00
Per Capita Tax Rec'd for 2026	4,138.20
Per Capita Tax Rec'd for 2027	278.30
Per Capita Tax Rec'd for 2028	2,141.70
Per Capita Tax Rec'd - 2029	786.50
Per Capita Tax Rec'd - 2030	1,282.60
Per Capita Tax Rec'd - 2031	242.00
Per Capita Tax Rec'd - 2032	242.00
Per Capita Tax Rec'd - 2033	363.00
Per Capita Tax Rec'd - 2037	387.20
Per Capita Tax Rec'd for 2024	106,001.58
Per Capita Tax Rec'd for 2025	8,215.90
Per Capita Tax rec'd - 2666	0.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	124,078.98
TOTAL LIABILITY	882,118.10
EQUITY	
Fund Balances	
Retained Earnings - Previous Year	1,446,913.48
Capital Reserve Fund	100,000.00
Supplementary Fund	25,000.00
Investment in Capital Assets	466,152.00
Current Earnings	150,903.42
General Fund Balance	-64,211.67
Poppy Fund Balance	75,909.00
Benevolent Fund Balance	339,588.33
Lambert Fund Balance	201,960.00
Trust 1 Bursary	0.00
Total Fund Balances	2,742,214.56
TOTAL EQUITY	2,742,214.56
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	3,624,332.66

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Income Statement Jan 01, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023**

REVENUE

General Income

Percentage of Dominion Sales Rev.		5,278.37
Miscellaneous Income - General		11,440.28
Taxable Command Supply Sale-General		1,351.86
Interest Income - General		46,666.69
Postage & Courier Income - General		10.00
Donation - Corporate - General		5,050.00

Total General Income 69,797.20

Program Revenues

Per Capita Tax		193,431.51
VeteransRecognitionBook - taxable	54,176.09	
VeteransRecognitionBook - non tax	34,204.22	
Net: VeteransServiceRecognitionBook		88,380.31
Veterans Outreach Program		2,500.00

Total Program Revenues 284,311.82

Poppy Income

Taxable Poppy Sales	63,319.81	
Non-Taxable Poppy Sales	395,528.88	
Net: Poppy Sales		458,848.69
Assessed Poppy		117,092.84
Interest Income - Poppy		23,242.72
Donation Income - Poppy		1,725.89

Total Poppy Income 600,910.14

Benevolent Income

Donations - Benevolent		62,397.00
Interest Income - Benevolent		22,377.53

Total Benevolent Income 84,774.53

Lambert Income

Interest Income - Lambert		6,589.37
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Total Lambert Income 6,589.37

TOTAL REVENUE 1,046,383.06

EXPENSE

Total General Purchases for R... 2,399.32

General & Admin. Expenses

Salaries - General		92,680.85
CPP Expense - General		5,472.38
EI Expense - General		1,809.78
RRSP Employer Expense - General		2,067.00
WCB - General		515.08
Telephone/Fax - General		4,013.23
Office Supplies-General		5,791.42
Computer Expense-General		9,641.34
Postage & Courier - General		7,559.98
Legal / Professional - General		14,950.00
Audit - General		19,841.48
Assistance to Branches - General		997.06
Donations - General		1,165.00
Amortization - General		13,734.12
Leasing Contracts - General		5,508.60
NS/NU Command Use-General		4,258.39
Staff Training - General		487.60
Sundries-Coffee, Misc Items-Genera		856.84

RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Income Statement Jan 01, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023

Membership Renewal Expense	470.08
Bank Charges - General *5119	1,133.45
Total Administration - General	192,953.68

Occupancy Expenses

Repairs & Maintenance - General	10,715.10
Fire Tax	470.99
Water - General	974.53
Electricity - General	3,486.88
Cleaning Expense - General	7,157.00
Insurance - General	12,031.54
Total Occupancy Costs	34,836.04

Convention Costs - General

NS/NU Comm Convention Costs-General	25,521.28
Total Convention Costs - Gene...	25,521.28

Travel & Allowances - General

Personnel Committee - General	1,716.94
Council Allowance - General	11,348.62
NS/NU Executive Council Exp-General	11,703.35
Hospitality - General	1,012.84
Honours & Awards/By-Laws Committee	66.12
Finance/Bldg Committee-General	1,283.40
Special Functions - General	100.32
Mediation/Investigation	1,535.35
Command President Exp-General	12,612.22
Public Relations-Adv - General	624.00
Veteran Service Recognition Books	6,000.00
Executive Directors Expense - Gen.	2,866.67
Leadership & Dev Comm-General	134.82
Complaint Committee - General	1,016.26
Treasurer Expenses - General	469.33
Total Travel & Allowance - Gen...	52,490.24

Sports Expenses - General

Sports Committee Expense-General	996.70
Darts Expense - General	745.32
Cribbage Expense - General	269.20
8 Ball Pool - General	970.42
Track & Field Expense - General	16,868.64
Total Sports Expenses-General	19,850.28

Program Direct Expenses-Gen...

Grand Parade - General	57.19
Total Program Costs - General	57.19

Poppy Expenses

Taxable Poppy Purchases	49,711.27
Non-Taxable Poppy Purchases	287,782.43
Net: Poppy Purchases	337,493.70
Building Maint - Poppy	2,917.28
Computer Expenses - Poppy	2,547.24
Donations - Poppy	1,000.00
Office Supplies - Poppy	1,599.15
Postage & Courier - Poppy	1,554.86
Poster & Essay Winners - Poppy	1,173.60
WCB Expense - Poppy	517.11
Salaries - Poppy	87,275.29
CPP Expense - Poppy	4,592.06
EI Expense - Poppy	2,280.70
RRSP Deductions - Poppy	585.00
Secretarial - Poppy	68,349.43

RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Income Statement Jan 01, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023

Telephone - Poppy 1,312.23

Total Poppy Expenses 513,197.65

Benevolent Expenses

Benevolent Disbursements 20,774.26

Benevolent Interest & Bank Charges 87.63

Veterans Outreach Program 31,067.07

Total Benevolent Expenses 51,928.96

Lambert - Expenses

Bank Charges - Lambert 45.00

Elsie Lambert Scholarship Expense 2,200.00

Total Lambert Expenses 2,245.00

TOTAL EXPENSE 895,479.64

NET INCOME 150,903.42

Building

Chairman George DellaValle, 1st VP

Don McCumber, President

Harry Jackson, 2nd VP,

Conrad Gilbert, Treasure,

Executive Director, Craig Hood

Comrades

Unfortunately this past year we had to do some minor repairs and maintenance to the Command Office Building. The first was back in June when a UPS truck backed into one of the support post holding up the awning. The repairs have since been completed and were covered by their insurance. Next was the general maintenance of the HVAC system, all systems in the building are now cleaned and maintained. The Door Alarm was constantly going off when the wind blew in a certin direction resulting in a security call and check to the command office, the alarm sensor was moved to an alternate wall and no problems have arisen since. As we all know how the wind can blow hard at the Command Office in late December, when someone entered the building the wind took the door and sprung the hinges, a quick fix by the Executive Director to secure the building over the Christmas holidays was done and the hinges were replaced in January. During the first major snow storm of 2024 the Command Office had a power serge and we lost 2 computers, new one's were purchased with better serge protectors.

This year we hired a new snow removal/sand-salt contractor and everything is running normaly for this time of year.

A point of purchase machine and display case has been installled at the Command Office in the front foyer.

A Web Master was hired/contracted to migrate our old website to a new one in word press and set a a social media site, then on a monthly basis to update and take care of the web site. This web site will be mirrored to Dominion Commands.

Finally the sale of the land at the side of the building to D&T Holding LTD was finnalized and the money was deposited into the Benevolent Fund.

Many thanks to our Executive Director and Command staff, for their assistance with reporting to the Committee, any issues that have arisen. We will continue to ensure that our Command Office has safe and healthy work environment for our Veterans and staff.

Respectfully Submitted

George DellaValle

Building Committee Chairman

Executive Director's Report

Executive Council Meeting

24 February 2024

Comrades,

The last quarter has been a busy one. Benevolent requests for financial support from veterans in need has been on the rise and thanks to several of our branches, through Poppy Trust and Benevolent Funds, we have been able to directly support those veterans and their families. I had the opportunity to speak at the Standing Committee of Veterans Affairs at the Nova Scotia Legislature in December on the topic of the impacts on veteran and military families amidst a cost-of-living crisis which uncovered the challenges that both our veterans and current serving members face in obtaining secure shelter and being able to provide for their families.

The Royal Canadian Legion is an interesting organization in that we operate on two separate levels. We offer activities such as bingo, darts, cribbage, pool, karaoke, etc. to keep the lights on and the doors open. However, this is not our mandate, nor is it who we are as an organization. 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. Sometimes when we get caught up in the day-to-day activities that we need to do to keep those lights on and our doors open, we lose site of our mission statement. This isn't always the case though. Many branches are stepping up to offer veteran outreach programs, such as Operation VetBuild and Buddy Check coffee. Some are also opening their doors to facilitate Heroes Mending on the Fly sessions as well. These are the programs that we would love to see in every branch across our Command and this office will support your branch in every way we can.

Branch memberships: I can't emphasize this enough. Branches need to follow the rules with regard to Branch liquor licensing. Allowing the general public to enter your branches, unchaperoned by a member leads to unsurmountable problems. Some branches have a policy that if you enter 3 times as a guest, you must then apply for membership. That should be the standard. The quickest way to lose your branch is to contravene your liquor license. It makes no sense that in many cases if you are the only bar in town, that you could not insist on patrons becoming members.

At the Command office, there have been a few changes. The staff have been adapting very well to the changes that come with new management and we have been looking at the ways that we can operate in an efficient and positive way. I am forever learning and evolving in this new role and am honoured and humbled daily for the opportunities that this role provides me in being able to serve fellow veterans in such an incredible way.

Our website has received a major overhaul and facelift and will be up and running officially by the time of this meeting. It has a fresh new look that is in line with Dominion Command's website. We will also be launching our NSNU Command Facebook and Instagram pages to keep our membership and the general public better informed of the work we do for veterans. An ABMO will be pushed out describing the guidelines for submissions to those social media accounts by branches.

Ken George has formally announced his retirement as NSNU Command Service Officer. His dedicated years of service in that role have been felt across our command and the impacts that he made here will never be forgotten. We hope that he will keep in contact and that we can count on him for his sage advice from time to time.

With all of that in mind, I am excited to see what 2024 brings to our command and look forward to the challenges ahead. My door is always open should anyone need my assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Hood", is written over a horizontal line.

Craig Hood CD
Executive Director
NSNU Command
The Royal Canadian Legion

District Commander's Report

This report to be completed and remitted to the Command Executive Director, at the call of the Command Chairman, prior to each Executive Council meeting.

Name:

CLARENCE DAWE

District

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Date

FEB 2024

1. Have the Zone Commanders submitted their reports to you prior to this Executive Council report period as per policy?

Zone

Yes

No

Zone

2

Yes

No

Zone

3

Yes

No

2. Since your last report, has your District convened a legally constituted (quorum achieved) meeting?

Yes

No

Date

NOV 2023

3. Have the minutes of your last District meeting and District Executive Council meeting (if applicable) been submitted to Command as per Policy?

Yes

No

Date

Nov 28/23

4. Please list all additional meetings, events, etc. you have attended since your last report.

Elections of Officers at several branches
Installations Of officers
Honors awards at several branches
Branch hosted New Years Levee
attended several brach meetings

5. Since your last report, have you sponsored, or planning to sponsor, any Leadership Seminars within your District? Please provide details.

plans are in the works

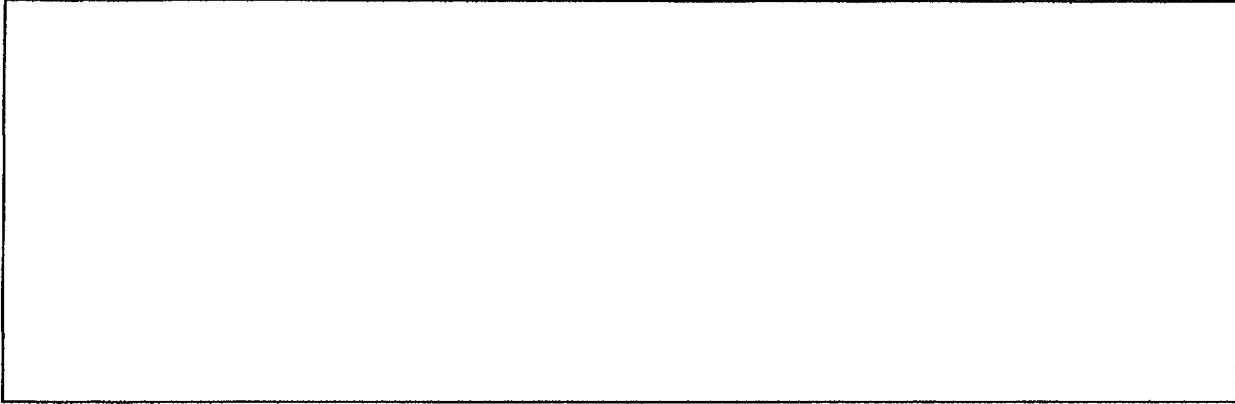
6. Are the Zones and/or branches within your District experiencing any specific challenges regarding finances, membership, Policy, by-laws etc., that you have become aware of, but have not been reported in the Zone Commanders' report? Please explain.

none

7. Have you thoroughly reviewed By-law revisions and Honors/Awards submissions prior to signing (if applicable)?

- Yes
 No

8. Additional information/comments relevant to the operation of your District.

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District Commander's Report

This report to be completed and remitted to the Command Executive Director, at the call of the Command Chairman, prior to each Executive Council meeting.

Name:

Lorne MacDonald

District

B

Date

February 9, 2024

1. Have the Zone Commanders submitted their reports to you prior to this Executive Council report period as per policy?

Zone

5

Yes

No

Zone

6

Yes

No

Zone

Yes

No

2. Since your last report, has your District convened a legally constituted (quorum achieved) meeting?

Yes

No

Date

3. Have the minutes of your last District meeting and District Executive Council meeting (if applicable) been submitted to Command as per Policy?

Yes

No

Date

November 2023

4. Please list all additional meetings, events, etc. you have attended since your last report.

Attend regular branch meeting, held election of officers meeting and swore new executive in.

5. Since your last report, have you sponsored, or planning to sponsor, any Leadership Seminars within your District? Please provide details.

No

6. Are the Zones and/or branches within your District experiencing any specific challenges regarding finances, membership, Policy, by-laws etc., that you have become aware of, but have not been reported in the Zone Commanders' report? Please explain.

One branch having issues with vice presidents, my understanding is Article III to be put in.

7. Have you thoroughly reviewed By-law revisions and Honors/Awards submissions prior to signing (if applicable)?

Yes

No

8. Additional information/comments relevant to the operation of your District.

Branches are doing well. hard to have district meetings, no quorum Zone 5 can't get quorum for zone meeting after sevral attempts.

District Commander's Report

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Name:

Robert Hoeg

District

C

Date

February 08/2024

1. Have the Zone Commanders submitted their reports to you prior to this Executive Council report period as per policy?

Zone

07

Yes

No

Zone

10

Yes

No

Zone

Yes

No

2. Since your last report, has your District convened a legally constituted (quorum achieved) meeting?

Yes

No

Date

October 29,2023

3. Have the minutes of your last District meeting and District Executive Council meeting (if applicable) been submitted to Command as per Policy?

Yes

No

Date

4. Please list all additional meetings, events, etc. you have attended since your last report.

September 26, 2023 Zone 07 meeting held Br# 10 Amherst. No Zone Commander nominated.

5. Since your last report, have you sponsored, or planning to sponsor, any Leadership Seminars within your District? Please provide details.

6. Are the Zones and/or branches within your District experiencing any specific challenges regarding finances, membership, Policy, by-laws etc., that you have become aware of, but have not been reported in the Zone Commanders' report? Please explain.

Financial reports from Zone 07 Branches greatly improved.

7. Have you thoroughly reviewed By-law revisions and Honors/Awards submissions prior to signing (if applicable)?

Yes

No

8. Additional information/comments relevant to the operation of your District.

District C Terms of Reference approved at District C meeting and should be at Command.

District Commander's Report

This report to be completed and remitted to the Command Executive Director, at the call of the Command Chairman, prior to each Executive Council meeting.

Name:

André V Boudreau

District

E

Date

11 Feb 2024

1. Have the Zone Commanders submitted their reports to you prior to this Executive Council report period as per policy?

Zone

12

Yes

No

Zone

13

Yes

No

Zone

Yes

No

2. Since your last report, has your District convened a legally constituted (quorum achieved) meeting?

Yes

No

Date

26 Nov 2023

3. Have the minutes of your last District meeting and District Executive Council meeting (if applicable) been submitted to Command as per Policy?

Yes

No

Date

8. Additional information/comments relevant to the operation of your District.

Zone 12 Commander is out with medical issues.

District Commander's Report

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Name:

Joanne Geddes

District

F

Date

8 February 2024

1. Have the Zone Commanders submitted their reports to you prior to this Executive Council report period as per policy?

Zone

14

Yes

No

Zone

15

Yes

No

Zone

Yes

No

2. Since your last report, has your District convened a legally constituted (quorum achieved) meeting?

Yes

No

Date

15 Oct 23

3. Have the minutes of your last District meeting and District Executive Council meeting (if applicable) been submitted to Command as per Policy?

Yes

No

Date

late due to 11 Nov

4. Please list all additional meetings, events, etc. you have attended since your last report.

Zone 14 Mtg, Calais Br 162 Veterans Dinner, Grand Parade, Poppy Wrap Up Presentation and VAC Briefing at Eastern Marine Br 161. Comrade Tom McCormack Acting District F Commander 27 November 2023 to 7 February 2024.

5. Since your last report, have you sponsored, or planning to sponsor, any Leadership Seminars within your District? Please provide details.

Zone 15 Past Zone Commander Comrade Glen Leduc and Deputy Zone Commander Comrade John Quilty continue to provide Poppy Presentations. Eastern Marine provided a VAC Briefing/Seminar. All training has been open to all of the Branches within District F.

6. Are the Zones and/or branches within your District experiencing any specific challenges regarding finances, membership, Policy, by-laws etc., that you have become aware of, but have not been reported in the Zone Commanders' report? Please explain.

No, not that I am aware of.

7. Have you thoroughly reviewed By-law revisions and Honors/Awards submissions prior to signing (if applicable)?

- Yes
- No

8. Additional information/comments relevant to the operation of your District.

We continue to have issues with some Branches that do not respond to Zone/District or Command requirements. Our Zone Comds are proactive and send out reminders however they are becoming frustrated with the lack of responses from these Branches. Would like to discuss the amendment to Art 3.

Would like to discuss/clarify how the amendment to Art 403.ii.g Support to Cadet Units "...up to 20 percent of the balance on the 30th of September..." will impact us here at NS/NU Command when our Command Assessment is based on Poppy Fund balance as of 30 September.

Executive Council Meeting
Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command
Dartmouth, Nova-Scotia

Greetings

Donations:

Branch 168 continues to support the Daycare, Cadet hall & elders hall.
Branch 169

Membership:

Membership renewals.

Cadets:

795 Air Cadet Squadron operations resumed with Branch #168 maintaining the operation of the Cadet hall.
We are regularly patrolling about 36 Cadets

Branch Activities:

New Years Eve was extremely popular this year with a line up from about 8pm to midnight.
The Levy was popular but with a smaller turn out then usual.

Branch 168:

Branch 168 has struggled since the Covid -9 restrictions.
It has entered into a sale & Lease back agreement with the Maloy group of companies to stave off a tax arrears auction on it's properties.

Branch 169

Donations

Branch 169 supports the local amateur sports teams and Rankin Inlet

Membership:

As of the end of January approximately 1/3 of our membership has renewed for 2024. The Branch is strongly encouraging online renewals for members; uptake on this renewal option has been strong.

Branch Activities

The Rankin Inlet Dart League resumed play in January on Wednesday nights.

Branch Operations

Yours in Comradeship,

Clifford Laurin
Nunavut District G Commander

Appeals Committee Report

Nova Scotia/ Nunavut Command

The Royal Canadian Legion

February 2024

Members of Committee:

Immediate Past President Donna McRury	Chairman
2 nd Vice President Harry Jackson	Member
Comrade Marion Fryday-Cook	Member

As a Committee we have not received any appeals from September to present date. If there is a change, we will update the Executive Council at the February meeting.

When called upon, this committee decides and informs both parties to the complaint, and the Secretary of the Branch/Command involved. All appeals must be conducted in accordance with Article III, Para 314 of the General By-Laws.

In Comradeship,

Donna Mc Rury

Chairman

Appeals Committee

Benevolent Report
Nova Scotia/ Nunavut Command
February 2024

Members:

Donna McRury- Immediate Past President	Chairman
Craig Hood- Executive Director	Member
Service Officers	Secretary

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Benevolent Fund continues to provide emergency assistance to all Veterans and their Families. The emergency assistance consists of food, clothing, fuel, shelter, prescription medicine and necessary transportation.

As a committee we continue to follow the guidelines outlined via the Poppy Manual, assistance cannot continue over the long term, but is available more than once to applicants. NS/NU Command Benevolent Fund from October to January end have been able to aid Veterans and their families, who through no fault of their own, who found themselves in need of help and fortunately, we were able to assist.

Each month we have received numerous applications for aid, the total cases helped will be updated at the Executive Council meeting. Each application is assessed thoroughly before any assistance is provided and that the circumstances and need are serious enough to impact the financial stability of the clients or their family. When the committee decides, we will offer either an immediate solution or contribute to a plan that will bring long term stability to the situation. Benevolent assistance is accessible only when all other means of help are unavailable. We as a committee would like to extend great thanks to all Branches for stepping forward and assisting when ever we have called upon them. We are also thankful to all Branches who continue to give donations to the Benevolent Fund to enable us to continue to assist all Veterans and Families when they are in need.

Yours in Comradeship,

Donna McRury

Chairman,

Benevolent Fund Committee

NS/NU Command

13 February 2024

Bursary Scholarship Committee Report

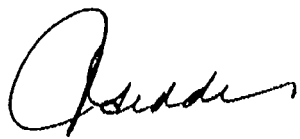
ABMO #12 dated 8 February was sent out reminding Branches that the deadline for submissions is 15 April and application forms and eligibility criteria can be found on the Command website.

Currently we have two scholarships available:

Elsie Jean (E.J.) Lambert Scholarship; and the

Wales Scholarship.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joanne Geddes', written in a cursive style.

Joanne Geddes
Bursary/Scholarship Committee Chair

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command

Legion Magazine Report

May to December 2023

1. The writer agreed to this position at the end of the 56th Convention of Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command.

2. In the intervening period to the end of December 2023, 12 Branches submitted photographs.

Branch 10 Amherst

Branch 14 River Hebert

Branch 24 Bridgewater

Branch 27 Vimy

Branch 90 Waverly

Branch 124 Grandona

Branch 128 Whitney Pier

Branch 138 Ashby

Branch 155 Wedgeport

Branch 162 Calais

Branch 165 Mount Uniacke

Branch 169 Rankin Inlet

SUBMISSIONS:

3. The total number of photographs forwarded to Ottawa was 20. Branch 155 Wedgeport and Branch 162 Calais each had five entries. Branch 165 Mount Uniacke had 3 entries and Branch 138 Ashby had 2 entries. Branch 128 Whitney Pier had one entry which did not meet the requirements for submission.

COMPLAINTS:

4. Branch 169 Rankin Inlet submitted an unfair criticism regarding the photograph they submitted. The comments of the Branch Member, although directed to me, reflected in an

unflattering manner, toward the Command of Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command. The issue was redirected to our Executive Director to address. The photograph in question was forwarded for consideration by the Legion Magazine

Yours in Comradeship,

James R. Leadbeater

Comrade James R. Leadbeater

Legion Magazine Coordinator

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command

Complaints Committee Report February 2024

All complaints have been dealt with as of February 9th. 2024

Tom Young chair

Conrad Gilbert

Harry Jackson

Constitutions & By-Laws Committee

Committee Members:

Chairman 1st VP, George DellaValle

President, Don McCumber

2nd VP, Harry Jackson

NS/NU Chairman, Tom Young

Past President, Marion Fryday -Cook

Command Secretary, Jane Scott

Comrades

The C&L Committee has continued to meet and review Branch Annex A's and Branch Policy manuals and admendment submission sent in from the branchs. We would like to thank all those Branchs that have sent in their submissions. A progress report will be given at the EC Meeting as well as District Commander's will recieve a statis report on their own District.

An all Branch Mail Out was sent out including a sample of the Branch Policy Manual, the Amendment Form and the Questionnaire as well as we require the General meeting minutes in which they were passed, we require all 3 items sent in befor they can be approved.

A new Terms of Referance for the Guidance committee was created and will be presented to EC.

I wish to thank the C & L Committee for their time and vast knowledge while serving on this committee, and a Comrade Jane Scott, Committee Secretary for her assistance thought out the Annex A and Policy Manual process.

Respectfully Submitted

George DellaValle

Chairman

Constitution and By-Laws

Nova Scotia Nunavut Command
Rituals, Awards and Protocol Committee
February 2024

Comrade Harry Jackson – Chair

Comrade Cliff Lauren – Member

Comrade Andre Boudreau – Member

Comrade Don Stansbury – Member

Comrade Jane Scott – Member

Good day Comrades,

The Rituals, Awards and Protocol Committee have held several meetings over the past few months including one electronic vote. The committee continues to receive submissions, unfortunately some of the submissions are returned due to lack of information.

Some of the reasons are:

- Application not fully completed.
- Minutes are not signed or not moved and second.
- Not enough information in the write ups.
- The Major Awards check list has not been followed.

There has been some improvement in the submissions, but we require more work too them.

If the District or Zone Commanders wish to reach out to me before submitting them, please do so.

I want to thank my committee for their time, dedication, and comradeship as we continue to review the submissions and accomplishments of our comrades.

Also, I would like to thank Jane Scott for her hard work and dedication to this committee.

Respectfully Submitted

Harry Jackson - Chair

Ritual Awards and Protocol

Approved Awards since E/C September 2023 to January 2024

Life Memberships	3
Life Membership (LA)	1

Membership Report February 9, 2024

Membership Update Year End 2023

- 256,524 total paid up membership. Up 12,886 members, +5.3% year over year Renewals are 64.1% vs 71.8% at this time last year.
- Renewal rates were 86.5% compared to 87.1% for 2022, 83.2% for 2021 and 84.3 % in 2020.
- 43,042 new/reinstated members were enrolled during 2023, (second consecutive year establishing a modern-day record) up 7,910 members or 22.5 % over year. 11,599 new members joined on line.
- Every command grew year/year, new /reinstated members.
- Dominion virtual branch had 7,203 for last 3 years.
- In remembrance 4,070 members recorded as deceased, compared to year before 4,135.

Lorne MacDonald

Membership Chairman

Personnel Committee Report

Feb 24, 2024

Chairman, Comrade, George DellaValle

2nd VP, Comrade, Harry Jackson

Treasure, Comrade, Conrad Gilbert

President, Comrade, Don McCumber

Secretary, Comrade, Craig Hood

Comrades

All daily operations continue to run smoothly under the direction of the Executive Director, Craig Hood. All employee assessments were done in December by the Executive Director, Craig Hood and President Don McCumber, conducted the ED assessment as well. The Personnel Committee had one meeting in November and a meeting in January. A Sub Executive meeting and a full Executive Council Zoom meeting in December was called to discuss and vote on the hiring of a third Service Officer. Initial interviews were conducted by the ED and a second round of interviews will be conducted for the second week of February. Any updated will be address at the Executive Council meeting, Many thanks to our existing staff Craig, Jane, Brenda, Ken and Lorena for all their support, guidance, dedication and assistance in the Command office to all of us and especially to all our Veterans.

Respectfully Submitted

George DellaValle

Chairman/ 1st VP

PR committee report February 2024

Our biggest PR issue for the last number of months has been the issue of the homeless encampment surrounding the monument at Grande Parade during the remembrance period.

Two weeks before Remembrance Day command decided to move the Nov. 11th. Commemoration from Grande Parade to Dartmouth's Sullivan's Pond. In spite of the challenges, the event was very well attended, and very successful.

The homeless situation still poses a problem and Executive Director Craig Hood is working with local authorities and organizations to identify and support homeless veterans.

The NS/NU command is also holding successful Veterans outreach programs.

For example, Operation Vet Build has been very popular. The Veteran coffee program is operating in 90% of command branches. Participation in the Hero's mending on the fly program continues to rise.

Congratulations to all of the new executives across the province as you continue to do the work of helping all Veterans and their families.

Finally, a big congratulations to our immediate past president Donna McRury who is now the treasurer for Dominion Command.

Respectfully yours

Tom Young

2023 Grand Parade Report

This year the homeless encampment at Grand Parade made the planning and preparation of this year's Provincial Remembrance Day Ceremony challenging to say the least. On the 19th of October (with Poppy Campaign kicking off on 27 Oct) the Committee made the recommendation to the President to change the location of the annual Remembrance Day service to Sullivan's Pond for the safety and security of all concerned.

President McCumber supported the recommendation of the Committee and the planning process began to combine the Provincial Ceremony with the Somme Branch #031 at Sullivan's Pond.

I must acknowledge the absolute unwavering support and assistance that we received from all outside agencies (Government House, City of Halifax, and local area businesses and organizations) as well as the Executive Director, Comrade Criag Hood and Jane Scott from Command. Comrades Glen Leduc, Kathy Julien, Dave Rhodenizer, Dave Long and Tom Young were also instrumental in making the ceremony the success that it was.

Letters were sent out and well received with commitments to continue to support and provide assistance for next year's ceremony. Plans are already underway to secure an Elder to perform a smudging, a choir to sing the anthems and the Cadets to continue to participate and represent our Youth.

My sincere appreciation to all who contributed, participated and attended what proved to be an excellent service that provided the dignity and reverence most deserving of our Fallen Comrades, Veterans and their families.

Joanne Geddes
Grand Parade Chair

Sport Report

February 24, 2024

Member Sports

Member Sports:

All 2024 NS/NU Command Member Sports Provincial Play Tournaments have been announced. Command Sport Coordinators have sent out notice by ABMO announcing the dates for the 2024 Provincial Championships.

Cribbage Coordinator: Murray Dawson

The date of provincial play is March 02 at Colchester Legion Br# 026 Truro.

8-Ball Coordinator: Edgar Dowell

The date of provincial play is March 23-24 at Mt. Uniacke Br# 165.

Comrade Dowell made notice that the running of the provincial play for 2024 would see some changes to the number of games and how the provincial representatives would be selected.

Darts Coordinator: Harry Jackson

The date of play for the 2024 Provincial darts is March
Br# 151 East Bay on March 9-10.

Following are the proposed sights and dates for the 2024
Dominion National Championships.

Eight Ball: 24 – 27 May 2024 Host: Branch #024 Hartland
New Brunswick.

Cribbage: 26 – 29 April 2024 Host: Branch #07-033,
Shediac NB

386 Main Street, Shediac, NB, E4P 2G1

Darts: 3 – 6 May 2024 Host: Branch #06-251, Laval, QC
2000 Boul Cure-Labelle, Laval, QC, H7T 1L3

Track / Field: Coordinator Robert Hoeg

Location of 2024 Nationals: Calgary, Alberta.

A meeting with Athletics NS, myself and Harry Jackson is
scheduled for February 12, 2024 at Command office.

Items to be discussed are standards, uniforms, other
issues regarding selection of coaches & chaperones and
location of Legion trials.

A large thank you to Comrade Harry Jackson, who was our NS/NU representative again for 2023.

I thank Athletics Nova Scotia Executive Director Anitra Stevens and staff for all the technical expertise and experience they provide in helping our Command in selecting a track & field team each year.

I also thank our Member Sport Coordinators and Command staff for their time and dedication to the Legion Branches of NS/NU Command.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hoeg NS/NU Command Sport Chair

Nova Scotia/Nunivut Command Outreach Committee

George DellaValle	Chairman
Ken Babcock	Member
Ron Langevin	Member
Valerie Mitchill-Veinotte	Member
Craig Hood	Secretary

The Veterans Outreach Programs of NS/NU Command are constantly evolving around our Veterans requirements in order to remain relevant. We must keep pace with the changes that are affecting the lives of our Veterans and their families. A few of our programs that have come to the forefront over the years are going strong and are supported strongly by our Veterans, for in-person and virtual meetings they are thriving, we also have started doing virtual corresponding, such as the Veterans Coffee Break. Here is a snap shot of what is going on around the Command and how they are supporting our Veterans.

OSISS

The Operational Stress Injury Social Support program is a service that supports our active Canadian Armed Forces members, our veteran community and their families. OSISS is a peer support program funded both by the Department of National Defence and Veterans Affairs Canada.

They provide peer support to members, veterans and their families who experience symptoms from an operational stress injury (ie PTSD, anxiety, depression, and/or addiction) as a result of service. We have two types of coordinators in the program; a peer support coordinator who is a military veteran who has personally experienced a mental health injury due to their service; and,

family peer support coordinators, who have lived experience in supporting a loved one with an OSI. Because we have similar lived experience, we are able to establish trusting, confidential professional relationships with peers and support them in a non-judgmental, empathetic way.

In addition to peer support via phone, text, email, in-person one-on-one meetings as well as group meetings, we provide resource information to our peers. We know our communities and the resources available within them, including our stakeholders. The Royal Canadian Legion NS/NU Command has been an exceptional support and advocate of our program.

Heros Mending on the Fly

HMOTF Coordinator Comrade Ray McEarchern

We are having substantial growth in our program this year with 3 new locations to run our program in addition to HRM and the Valley. New locations are Wedgeport, Truro and Cheticamp. We are planning on hosting 8 participants in each location for a total of 40 veterans. This is exciting for us and is only possible through the support we get from HMOTF National, NS/NU Command and many local Legions in NS. We hope to have your continued support, with 3 additional programs and over doubling the veterans we can reach each year it will be worth the extra work and funding requirements.

We have also included first aid training and mental health first aid training for our volunteers this past year. We feel this is important to properly equip our volunteers to lead the participants while always looking after their wellbeing.

Here is what happened in 2023, we had very successful fly tying clinics from Jan to May with 10 participants at HRM and 9 in the Valley. We are very fortunate with being provided space one night a week at Bedford Legion and the MFRC in the valley. These programs were both well attended and we had great enthusiasm from the participants. We took these 19 participants to the Margaree from 22 - 25 June for Fly-casting clinic and fishing. We stayed at the Normaway Inn and they were very good at looking after all our needs. We conducted the casting clinic the

first day with International Fly casting instructors, Lewis Hinks & Rene Aucoin. These two have been graciously giving their time to our program for 5 years now. This was followed with 2 1/2 days fishing the Margaree. The trip was very successful where everyone tied flies all winter, then learned the skill of fly casting followed by seeing success with casting flies that they tied themselves. I believe there is true healing for our veterans through this program and I am privileged to witness it happening.

I attended the National Retreat at Lac de Neige in Quebec from 6-10 Aug. It was a great opportunity to get together and try to ensure all Provinces are moving forward. We also have the opportunity to provide input for the National level. We spent 2 full mornings conducting meetings and collectively reviewing our constitution. I believe it was time well spent and feel that this program is truly doing what it is meant to do.

We also have a volunteer retreat planned for the first week of Sept at the Restigouch River Lodge. This location was chosen based on Lodge Manager contacting us and wanting to do something for our program. We will conduct an after action review from this year and plan out next year at this retreat.

As you know, we have some significant movement for HMOTF NS this coming year. Lester Leblanc in Chetticamp and Jon McCulloch in Truro and in Wedgport. This has high potential to take our number of participants to around 40. This is fantastic and we look forward to working with our new regions to get these programs off the ground.

Veterans Farm Project

The Veteran Farm Project Society was established in 2018 for women veterans to spend time together in safe, natural, and enriching environment. We have expanded our 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, Windsor Legion as the hub for Valley Branches, and both Shearwater and Greenwood MFRC's. Each We Care package delivered contains farm fresh produce, multiple breads, pantry staples, and personal care items. We curate each delivery based on seasonal produce and time of year. We ensure each recipient can create full meals with items delivered.

All items that are carefully delivered is put together by a collection of amazing women veteran volunteers and community members. Our program is designed to reach women and girls and giving them the space to grow and explore. We believe in the power of nature and the benefits it provides. We work to provide volunteer opportunities and free workshops that focus on many different areas for personal growth. Therapeutic horticulture and informal peer support are ways to deliver cognitive, physical, emotional, social, and creative pathways to help heal mind, body, and spirit. We believe in cultivating wellness for women veterans, veterans, and our community.

2023 STATS

- Supported 40 families with We Care packages May-October,
- 32 free workshops and 256 participants signed up
- Farm Stand opened for the community 8 Saturday mornings,
- Hosted 6 special interest groups,
- Employed 3 female veterans Mar-Dec and 1 high school student and son of 2 veterans during July & August, and
- As Founder & Director of the Veteran Farm Project I have not and will never receive a salary or personal payment. Serving our country for 22 years wasn't long enough, I (Jessica) still have many more years or service.

Building a 4-season greenhouse will allow VFP to continue forward thinking and continue growing. It is our hope the Veteran Farm Project will continue to

generate revenue and less dependent on external resources.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

We had a difficult year in 2023. Wildfires ravaged the province; we supported 2 veterans and a dog on the farm for nearly 2 weeks. There were floods in our community with loss of life. Weeks of continued rain, washing out, rotting or stunting vegetable production. We were plagued with pest pressure; the pests were able to flourish due to the constant humidity. Through it all we persevered, dug deep, and never missed a single family or delivery. We sent out even more contents in our 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 our main growing, over wintering, and seed starting infrastructure. We now need to rebuild and need a new infrastructure that can withstand the environmental changes we continue to experience.

- 4 season greenhouse 20'x10'x100' = 20,000 (sq ft volume growing space)
- Includes growing, seeding and teaching space.
- Professionally built by one of the most trusted companies for farm infrastructure.
- This greenhouse will be permanent and can support veterans and community for decades.

The environmental incidents of 2023 have had a negative effect on the farm project's ability to maintain the high standard of services that they have been providing to Veterans and their families over the last few years.

Buddy Check Coffee

What is Buddy Check Coffee? BCC is a very simple concept, a scheduled regular get together of veterans that is coordinated and co-marketed by a local host who

is a member of BSO Legion OSI. It provides peer support for veterans. BCC is held in a location chosen by the local HOST. It can be a local Legion Branch or a commercial coffee shop. We are here to serve all veterans. Regarding First Responders, that is a local call by hosts and participants. We feel most veterans have an affinity and common ground with first responders but there are some that do not. We have at NS/NU Command have reached more than 50 Legions that hold a Veterans Coffee Break.

Op Vet Build

Team Leaders: Must be a veteran/current serving member of the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP or Allied Force veteran as well as be a Legion member enrolled in BSO Legion OSI. Their role is to coordinate meeting times and space with their local Legion Branch to facilitate Op VetBuild meetings. They are also responsible for securing donations through the poppy fund and through Op VetBuild fundraising/donation drive activities. During Op VetBuild meetings they will carry out host duties, introduce new members, assist participants, provide a safe environment and above all, have fun doing it! They will also be responsible to the Operation VetBuild National Program Coordinator for the following:

Provide a quarterly report on donations collected (kits, supplies, cash, poppy funds), report on the number of attendees at the meetings,

Provide photos of the meetings for use in social media/marketing as well as of proof that your program is operational,

Be a member of the OP VetBuild Team Leader Group on Facebook to have access to various promotion/marketing materials as well as share experiences that can benefit the other team leaders and help maintain program consistency across the country.

Participants: Must be a veteran/current serving member of the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP or Allied Force veteran, an immediate family member of the above (parent, spouse, sibling, child), a Law Enforcement Officer that has served on an overseas mission. First Responders can participate in the program, but do not fall

under the Poppy fund for resources. Participants do not need to be Legion members. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

VETERANS SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2024

Comrades, please refer to the general revenue statement, operating revenue - line 4525, which indicates revenue earned for the current edition of the VSRB.

Included in my Sept. 2023 report was a forecast for the upcoming future of our VSRB publication. As I mentioned at that time, changes will be forthcoming and this Council will be required to make important decisions in the near future.

As a reminder, Fenety Marketing reported the following to us at that time:

"I will be sending you a proposal for a new three-year contract for the years 2025-27. This will unfortunately include an option to either realize a reduction in your Command's annual net returns, or for us to start producing Digital Publications only for your Website using new Flip Book Software which makes our publications easier and more fun to read. The current terms and conditions for our annual project would remain the exact same if you choose the Digital Publication option."

"Extensive details regarding these two options will be included in our forthcoming new three-year contract proposal."

Comrades, we were told to expect the new contract "*within a few weeks*", and although the question as to when we will actually receive this new contract has been asked many times since last September, at the time of writing this report, we are yet to receive a copy for our review. In the interim, a one-year contract has been agreed to and signed for the year 2024 under the same terms and conditions as our previous five-year contract, except for the elimination of the \$2,500 per year new long term contract signing bonus, as this doesn't apply to a one-year contract.

Comrades, I'm sure that our Executive Director will pursue this contract with the utmost of urgency so that decisions on the future of our project can be made sooner, rather than later.

The 2023 VSRB edition, our 19th, was delivered to Legion branches this past November 2023, and the deadline for our 2024 edition is end of August 2024.

In closing, I will end this report as I always do; please inform your branches that submissions for these publications are vital to the continuation of this project and their assistance is of utmost importance. ***Our Veterans deserve no less!***

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Wessel, VSRB Chairman / Editor

TRUSTEE REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2024

The Command Trustees will be scheduling a meeting for late winter / early spring 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Wessel, Trustee Chair