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Date: June 19, 2024

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: NS/NU Command Executive Council Meeting
Minutes – May 25 2024

Message: Comrades: On behalf of NS/NU Command
Chairman Tom Young please find attached
Executive Council Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2024

**The Royal Canadian Legion
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
May 25, 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

Regrets

Jane Scott	Recording Secretary (will generate minutes from recording)
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Present for Report:

Lorena Forrest	Command Service Officer
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Observers:

Ken Babcock	Commander Zone 8
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NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young called the meeting to order at approximately 9.04 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.

- Other Business – meeting with Sub-Executive and Trustees
- Dominion Command Convention

Comrade Cliff Laurin joins the meeting.

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 Stansbury.

That the Service Officer Report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

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 February 24, 2024.

NS/NU Chairman Tom Young informed the meeting of an omission of the motion to accept the recommendation of VSRB Editor Comrade Steve Wessel to approve Option three of the new contract.

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber presented the three options for the 2025-27 VSRB that were provided to VSRB Editor Steve Wessel by Fenety Marketing:

We have the following options for a new three year contract from 2025-2027 for your Command Legion's consideration:

All projected revenues below are based on our generating the same sales / collections as we have for our 2023 project.

1. ***Market a reduced number of 2,500 hard copies, versus our current 3,000 copies, with a 3% increase in Fenety Marketing's gross commissions and the elimination of our \$2,500 yearly new contract signing bonus, to offset Fenety Marketing's increased operating costs and reduced project revenues. This would result in a reduction in your Command's annual net earnings of (-\$15,981) to \$67,155, versus your final net earnings of \$83,136.54 from our 2023 project.***

2. ***Market a Digital Copy only version of your book under the exact same terms and conditions as our last 5 year contract. Your Command's net earnings would remain in the range of \$83,000.***

We would sell advertising and gain residential sponsorship for an online "digital" publication only and no longer print a hard copy book, but provide links for all of our project's sponsors and your members to access the online version. Businesses purchase "institutional advertising" from us to support a good cause, not to increase their business. The exposure they get on your website along with our annual certificate of appreciation and a link to your publication will be equally well sponsored as purchasing advertising in a hard copy.

We have also acquired new "Flip Book" software that makes our online versions much easier to read by turning the pages like a hard copy, instead of the previous PDF's we have been providing. Individual Copies could also be printed from your website. We will be converting the books currently on your site to Flip Book versions in the near future.

So we can provide the exact same terms and conditions to the Nova Scotia Nunavut Command Legion by eliminating the costs of printing and distribution of hard copy publications.

I am offering this option to all of our valued clients, if the funding they receive from our project is more important than producing hard copies of our annual guide.

3. Market a Hybrid Digital / Hard Copy Book and print only 1,000 hard copies for your branches. *Surprisingly the costs of printing 1,000 copies versus 2,500 copies is only 15% less expensive, as the main costs is in the set up of the printing, including making the plates, etc., etc. Fenety Marketing would increase our gross share of revenues by only 2% and eliminate our annual \$2,500 new contract signing bonus. This would result in annual net earnings of **\$71,650 or (-\$11,487) less** for your Command.*

M-2

Moved by Comrade McCumber, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the minutes of the Executive Council Meeting of February 24, 2024 be amended to include the motion to accept option three of the new contract with Fenety Marketing and that a copy of the amended minutes be sent to Comrade Steve Wessel.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber proposed that moving forward that a draft copy of the Executive Council Committee Minutes be sent to all members of Executive Council prior to approval and dissemination via ABMO. Executive Director Craig Hood confirmed that this process would be adopted.

M-3

Moved by Comrade McRury, seconded by Comrade Geddes.

That the minutes of February 24, 2024 be accepted as amended.

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 April 30, 2024.

M-4

Moved by Comrade McRury, seconded by Comrade Geddes

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber informed the meeting that the donation to the Citadel Army Museum was presented and appreciated by the museum.

8. President's and D.E.C Report

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber referred the meeting to the submitted report. He conveyed his thanks to Comrades Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte and Marion Fryday-Cook for conducting the Legion Tribute to pay last respects to NS/NU Command Service Officer Ken George. He referred the meeting to the distributed D.E.C meeting minutes and highlighted some of the events that took place while he was in attendance.

- A presentation on The Pepper Pod – a retreat for women veterans.
- Reports from various departments at Legion House.
- A tour of headquarters to meet the staff of various departments.
- A presentation from the Chief of Military Personnel on recruitment and retention.
- An address from the Minister of Veterans Affairs.

M-5

Moved by Comrade McCumber, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the President's Report be accepted.

12 Affirmative

0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

9. Finance and Building Report

NS/NU Command Finance Committee Chair George Della Valle referred the meeting to the submitted report. He added that an updated copy of the investment statement would be circulated with the minutes with updated maturity figures.

M-6

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Dawe.

That the finance and building 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 still some branches that are up to 6 months behind with the submittal of branch financial reports. He relayed to the meeting that there are two investments reaching maturity this year: One is the bequeathed amount of \$332,540.63, maturing in September that is currently in the Benevolent fund and the other is the bequeathed amount of \$50,000 that matures in November.

M-10

Moved by Comrade Gilbert, seconded by Comrade Laurin

That the verbal report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber expressed his concern regarding branches not submitting their financial reports.

M-11

Moved by Comrade McCumber, seconded by Comrade Dawe.

That a directive be sent to all Zone Commanders requesting that immediate action be taken to visit branches with outstanding financial reports of two months or more and to ensure they be completed and submitted to Provincial Command. (Copies of all correspondence will also be sent to District Commanders.)

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

12. Correspondence

NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood informed the meeting that there was no correspondence that had not been dealt with in the day-to-day business of Command.

13. Executive Director's Report

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

M-12

Moved by Comrade Stansbury, seconded by Comrade Dawe

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

14. District Reports

District A

NS/NU Command District A Commander Clarence Dawe referred the meeting to the submitted report.

District B

NS/NU Command District B Commander Lorne MacDonald referred the meeting to the submitted report.

District C

NS/NU Command District C Commander Robert Hoeg referred the meeting to the submitted report. He added that a Zoom meeting had taken place in April with a local indigenous community leader regarding the formation of a Legion Branch. An invitation had been extended to Branch 111 Shubenacadie to attend on two occasions but they were not able to attend due to circumstances.

District E

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

District F

NS/NU Command District F Commander Joanne Geddes referred the meeting to the submitted report. She added that Deputy District 14 Commander Larry MacDonald will be leaving on June 28th and that information has been sent out to Branch Presidents to see if anyone is interested in assuming the role of either Deputy Zone 14 or Zone 14 Commander.

District G

NS/NU Command District G Commander Cliff Laurin referred the meeting to the submitted report. He added that the finalized sale and lease back agreement has now been received and is in the hands of the lawyers.

M-12

Moved by Comrade Stansbury, seconded by Comrade Dawe.

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 Hoeg.

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.

M-14

Moved by Comrade McRury, seconded by Comrade Dawe.

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 Dawe

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.

M-16

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command District A Commander Clarence Dawe informed the meeting that he had received several complaints that submissions had not been published in the last

three editions of the magazine. NS/NU Command Immediate Past President Donna McRury informed the meeting that Legion Magazine Correspondent Jim Leadbeater had been informed that Dominion Command had apologized as the submissions had been sent to a junk file and therefore not processed. NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood informed the meeting that he had contacted Legion Magazine regarding photo specifications and they confirmed that photos taken with devices such as tablets and mobile phones are accepted. Moving forward please cc NS/NU Command Executive Director on all submissions for Legion Magazine. All submissions received by Comrades Leadbeater and Hood will be forwarded to Legion Magazine for their decision. Executive Director Craig Hood will e-mail Comrade Leadbeater to inform him of the process that will be followed.

Comrade McRury assumes the Chair

Complaints

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

M-17

Moved by Comrade Young, seconded by Comrade Stansbury.

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 he attended the Dominion Command Constitution and Law meeting regarding Article III of the complaints procedure. There were 51 recommendations with the common theme of mediation.

M-18

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Dawe

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Ritual, Awards and Protocol

NS/NU Command Ritual, Awards and Protocol Committee Chairman Harry Jackson referred the meeting to the submitted report. He added that the committee is working on providing sample citations for major awards.

M-19

Moved by Comrade Jackson, seconded by Comrade Geddes.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Cadet Medal of Excellence

NS/NU Command Cadet Medal of Excellence Committee Chair André Boudreau referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-20

Moved by Comrade Boudreau, seconded by Comrade Clarence.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative

0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Camp Hill

M-21

Moved by Comrade Geddes, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Membership Committee

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

M-22

Moved by Comrade MacDonald, seconded by Comrade McRury.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Personnel Committee

The Recording Secretary was provided with the following information on the Personnel Report.

NS/NU Command Personnel Committee Chair referred the meeting the submitted report.

M-21

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Stansbury

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. He referred the meeting to the spreadsheet that is now being used to track the distribution of Poppy Trust Funds. He added that Dominion is working to find a supplier for cardboard poppy containers as opposed to plastic and that improvements to the biodegradable wreath are still being studied.

M-24

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade Jackson

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood informed the meeting that Jessica Miller Founder and Director of the Veterans' Farm Project sent regrets that she would not be able to join the meeting and to please inform her as to the time of the next meeting so that she can schedule to attend.

Comrade McRury assumes the Chair.

Public Relations

NS/NU Command Public Relations Committee Chair Tom Young referred the meeting to the submitted report. He thanked NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood for setting up the Command Facebook and Instagram page and encourages all Branches to send in their feel good stories.

M-25

Moved by Comrade Young, seconded by Comrade Don McCumber.

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 Dawe.

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 thanked NS/NU Command for providing prizes for The Frank

Deschenes Memorial Golf Tournament which in the past four years has donated approx. \$30,000 to NS/NU Command. He thanked all Sports Coordinators for their hard work and commitment to organizing events.

M-27

Moved by Comrade Hoeg, seconded by Comrade Dawe

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 the target for funds for the Veterans' Farm Project has nearly been met with \$4593 remaining funding (as per the tracker) required to recoup the \$28,093 given. *(Since date of print another \$2000 has been received).*

M-28

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Geddes.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber informed the meeting that the Veterans' Farm Project had received a cash donation of \$1400 that that they propose to return to Command via cheque as they it was not required as they had been able to use some existing materials for construction. Through discussion it was agreed for them to keep the \$1400.

M-29.

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade McCumber.

That the Veterans' Farm Project keep the \$1400 to help with the betterment of the Veterans' Farm Project and the projects and programs that they are running.

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 McRury, 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 McRury, seconded by Comrade Jackson.

That the submitted report be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

16. Scheduled Business

King Charles III Coronation Medal

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber read correspondence from Dominion Command on the nomination process for the King Charles III Coronation medal. The total medal allocation for NS/NU Command is 18 medals. He outlined that the NS/NU Command Ritual, Awards and Protocol Committee Chair will send out an ABMO to all Branches outlining the nomination process and the committee will review all nominations received and select the 18 nominations that are to be forwarded to Dominion Command who will then forward to Rideau Hall.

M-31

Moved by Comrade McCumber, seconded by Comrade Jackson

That the information and nomination package be sent out via ABMO from the NS/NU Command Ritual Awards and Protocol Chairman Harry Jackson to branches. The committee will review and select the 18 nominations to be forwarded to Dominion Command.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Branch Guidance Committee Appointees

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber informed the meeting that terms of reference for the Branch Guidance Committee were drafted by Comrades Marion Fryday-Cook and Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte. He recommended that both Comrades be involved in the implementation due to their knowledge and experience. He recommended that the committee members be Marion Fryday-Cook, Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte and Mel Crowe and that he be the Chair for the remainder of his term.

M-32

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade Laurin.

That the recommendation to appoint Don McCumber as Branch Guidance Committee Chair and Comrades Marion Fryday-Cook, Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte and Mel Crowe as members be accepted.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

17. Other Business

Dominion Convention

NS/NU Command Executive Director Craig Hood confirmed that expenses for the Sub-Executive for the Dominion Convention will be covered by NS/NU Command with the exception of Immediate Past President Donna McRury (Dominon Command Treasurer) whose expenses will be covered by Dominion Command. Convention expenses for District Commanders are to be covered by Branches.

Meeting with Trustees

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber informed the meeting of concerns brought to his attention by the Chair of the NS/NU Command Trustees Comrade Steve Wessel that the Executive Council was in breach of Article IX – Trustees 901A (see below) of the NS/NU Command Bylaws as it had not consulted with the trustees regarding the recent land sale and 2 bequests received by NS/NU Command.

ARTICLE IX – TRUSTEES 901 A The Executive Council shall appoint three Members to be a Board of Trustees to administer any monies or other assets given or bequeathed to the Command and held in Trust, upon the terms and conditions and for the purposes specified by the Page 23 NS/NU Command By-Laws Donor, Testator or Settler and the Board must submit an annual inventory report to Command on the property, building and contents by the end of the fiscal year.

A meeting was subsequently held between the trustees and the Sub-Executive and the terms of reference were reviewed. The trustees were informed where the funds were deposited. There were no conditions attached to the \$332,540.63 bequest and there was a slight condition attached to the \$50,000 bequest that it be used where most needed, so it was deposited into the Benevolent Fund.

In future Article IX – Trustees 901 A of The Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Bylaws must be adhered to.

18. President’s Closing Remarks

NS/NU Command President Don McCumber expressed concern that only Executive Members have been attending Zone and District meetings and that in order for members to take on executive positions in the future we need for them to attend the meetings so that they have an understanding of the positions. He suggested inviting guest speakers to help to draw other members to attend.

He added that he has been waiting over a year to get a response via the Minister of Public Works to get a response to having the three years of service requirement removed from the Veterans’ Plate application. Due to a current email requesting his phone number it was agreed to wait and see if some response is forthcoming.

19. Next Meeting.

The next Executive Council Meeting will be held in-person at NS/NU Command on September 21, 2024 at 8.30 am.

20. Motion For Adjournment

M-33

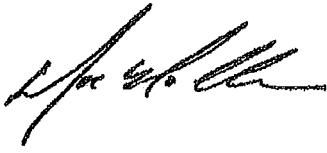
Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade Della Valle.

That the meeting be adjourned at approximately 11.59 am pm.

12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

21. Closing Ritual

The Closing Ritual was conducted by NS/NU Command 2nd Vice President Harry Jackson.



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 2024 (2024-01-01 to 2024-04-30):

- We are handling 783 Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) files (note 1)
- We have had 8 favorable and 1 unfavorable VAC disability claim decisions.
- We have had 1 VAC disability claims withdrawn (note 3)
- We were responsible for over \$286,644.80 dollars awarded. Which is the equivalent to financial lump sums for VAC disability claims. 8 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.

In 2023:

- We handled 795 Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) files (note 1)
- We made 70 home visits (note 2)
- We had 227 favorable and 28 unfavorable VAC disability claim decisions.
- We had 70 VAC disability claims withdrawn (note 3)
- We were responsible for over \$17,924,398.47 dollars awarded. Which is the equivalent to financial lump sums for VAC disability claims., 9 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.

Note 2 - Complicated VAC cases which are Command clients who request to work on VAC forms in their home as they are not able to travel to our office due to mobility/medical issues. Also, weekly Veteran Farm Project deliveries between 11 Jul and 19 Sep 2019.

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 5 months of assistance.

In March 2024, we brought on the New Service Officer at NSNU Command, Dana McLellan, where we began her onboarding and training. The number of files continues to increase, but with training now having been completed, and Dana now having started the second phase of the training which involves more hands-on approach, the hope is to see those numbers become stabilize within the next few months. 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.

Lorena Forrest
Veterans Services

Dana McLellan, CD
Veterans Services

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Regrets:

Lorne MacDonald	Commander District B
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Absent:

Robert Hoeg	Commander District C
Cliff Laurin	Commander District G

Comrade Chairman, Tom Young called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 P.M.

Comrade George Della Valle conducted the opening ceremony.

Comrade Don McCumber made note that District Commanders who cannot attend will assign their Deputies to attend in their stead.

Comrade George Della Valle presented the draft audit.

M1

Motion made by Comrade Della Valle to accept the Draft Audit to the Executive Council.

Seconded by Comrade Joanne Geddes

8 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Comrade Gilbert presented the new resolutions to the executive for submission to Dominion Convention.

M2

Comrade Gilbert made a motion of the Resolution Committee's non-concurrence for the following resolution: *"Therefore be it resolved that chapter 7 of Rituals, Awards and Protocols manual be amended to include a funeral table indicating the requirements for a veteran, non-veteran funerals."*

Seconded by Comrade McRury

8 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed

Motion of Non-Concurrence Carried

M3

Comrade Gilbert made a motion of the Resolution Committee's concurrence for the following resolution: *"Therefore be it resolved: that whereas Legion informal dress consists of a blue shirt available only through the Legion supply,*

Whereas this blue shirt will be embroidered with the Legion crest that is the same crest that identifies an ordinary member.

Whereas a Legion name tag may be worn with undress service ribbons.

Whereas no other pins, member designation pins, blazers, ties, epaulettes, shoulder badges, medals are to be worn with the Legion informal dress.

Therefore, be it resolved Legion supply create a sew on tag, similar to the Veteran tag for the blue shirt.

Therefore be it further resolved that all future sales of the blue shirt include a sew on tag that properly denotes the membership category of the member wearing the shirt. Therefore be it further resolved that the new tag be made available for all past purchases of blue shirts

Seconded by Comrade Jackson

8 Affirmative

0 Abstention

0 Opposed

Motion of Concurrence Carried

M4

Comrade Gilbert made a motion of the Resolution Committee's non-concurrence for the following resolution: *"Whereas: In the Legion's early days, Legionnaires promoted youth sports as a way to help support the children whose fathers or mothers were serving abroad.*

Whereas: Today, Legion Branches support youth sports in their communities and help channel athletes into the Legion's Provincial and National Track and Field Programs.

Whereas: The funds allocated, and many volunteer service hours do no support the children of veterans or veterans.

Whereas: The funds could instead be supporting veterans and their families.

Whereas: The volunteer hours could be used for projects supporting veterans.

Therefore, be it resolved: That the Legion stop financially supporting youth sports that do not directly support the children of veterans or veterans.

Be it further resolved: That the Legion spend the monetary savings on projects supporting veterans.

Be it further resolved: That the sports volunteer hours be used in support of projects for veterans.

Seconded by Comrade Jackson

7 Affirmative

0 Abstention

1 Opposed

Motion of Non-Concurrence Carried

Comrade Jackson carried out the closing ceremony.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.



Don McCumber
President
NSNU Command
Royal Canadian Legion



Craig Hood
Executive Director
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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 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@nnsnulegion.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

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 Whycomagh

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 Whycomagh 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

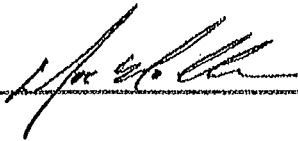
Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade Della Valle.

That the meeting be adjourned at approximately 1.35 pm.

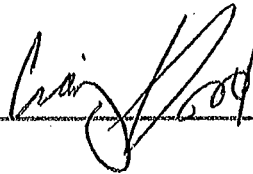
12 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

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

Since our last meeting of February 24/2024, I have attended numerous Branch events and meetings as well as a recent DEC meeting. I continue to have monthly meetings as a member of the Dominion Awards Committee. It is nice to see the number of our Command members receiving recognition for their outstanding service. I have attended Branch Honours and Awards events and this has provided me the opportunity to also present several 75th. Branch Anniversary Certificates. I congratulate all Branches and its Legionnaires that carry on our mission to serve our Communities and most importantly our Veterans.

I have attended the District A, D, and F meetings and look forward to attending others. It gives me an opportunity to hear reports and discuss the services and programs offered throughout our Command.

I thank New Ross legion for the invitation to attend their 100th. year recognition Mess Dinner of the RCAF. A well attended event by the members of District E.

Command received a cheque in the amount of \$1000. from the Commissionaires. The Executive Director and I were pleased to accept this cheque on your behalf. These funds have been deposited into the Veterans' Benevolent Fund.

A cheque in the amount of \$1000 was donated and presented to The Citadel Army Museum in Halifax. It was greatly appreciated. They have amazing displays and suggest if you are close by you might wish to visit

A Cheque was presented to the Veterans' Farm Project to get them up and running before it became too late for planting. The new

greenhouse has now been erected. This amount is being offset by donations from the various Branches. Thank you to the Branches for your donations made to this most worthy project. I believe an appreciation event on site may be held later in the Summer.

As you are aware I have made a presentation to the Provincial Standing Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Veteran Long Term Care Beds. Also, Comrade John Langley our Veterans' Service and Seniors committee member made the same presentation on our behalf to Barb Adams, Minister of Seniors and Long Term Care at a recent meeting. I had the opportunity to address this issue once again at our DEC meeting in Ottawa during a question period with the Minister of Veteran Affairs. I will now wait for response and then come forward with an action plan based on results.

Almost a year ago we submitted the proposal to Kim Masland, Minister Public Works to have the three year condition removed for the Veteran License Plate. I have sent several reminders and no action has been taken.

A Zoom meeting has taken place with the District C Cmdr., Zone 10 Cmdr. the Executive Director and myself to discuss the possibility of the formation of a Legion. This initiative has come about at the request of De-Anne Sack, member of the Sipekne'katik First Nation. Returning from my DEC meetings in Ottawa, I did visit the Community to tour the facilities and meet the Chief and many members of the Community. The establishment of a Branch within their Community can be beneficial to both our Command and the Veterans of their Nation.

Comrade Ron Langevin, Zone 13 Commander has accepted the appointment to Chair our Commands' Centenary Committee and he will

work closely with Marion Fryday-Cook who sits on the Dominion Committee. Please start now to organize a Branch event to recognize this milestone of our 100th Legion Anniversary.

There are issues that need to be addressed within our Command. One is the issue of outstanding Financial Reports. Branches must be accountable for the finances of the Branch. The responsibility of this issue lies in the hands of the Branch Presidents, Zone and District Commanders. To find out that a branch must be sold to pay off their debt is not acceptable. I do thank those Branches that are in Compliance with our By-Laws.

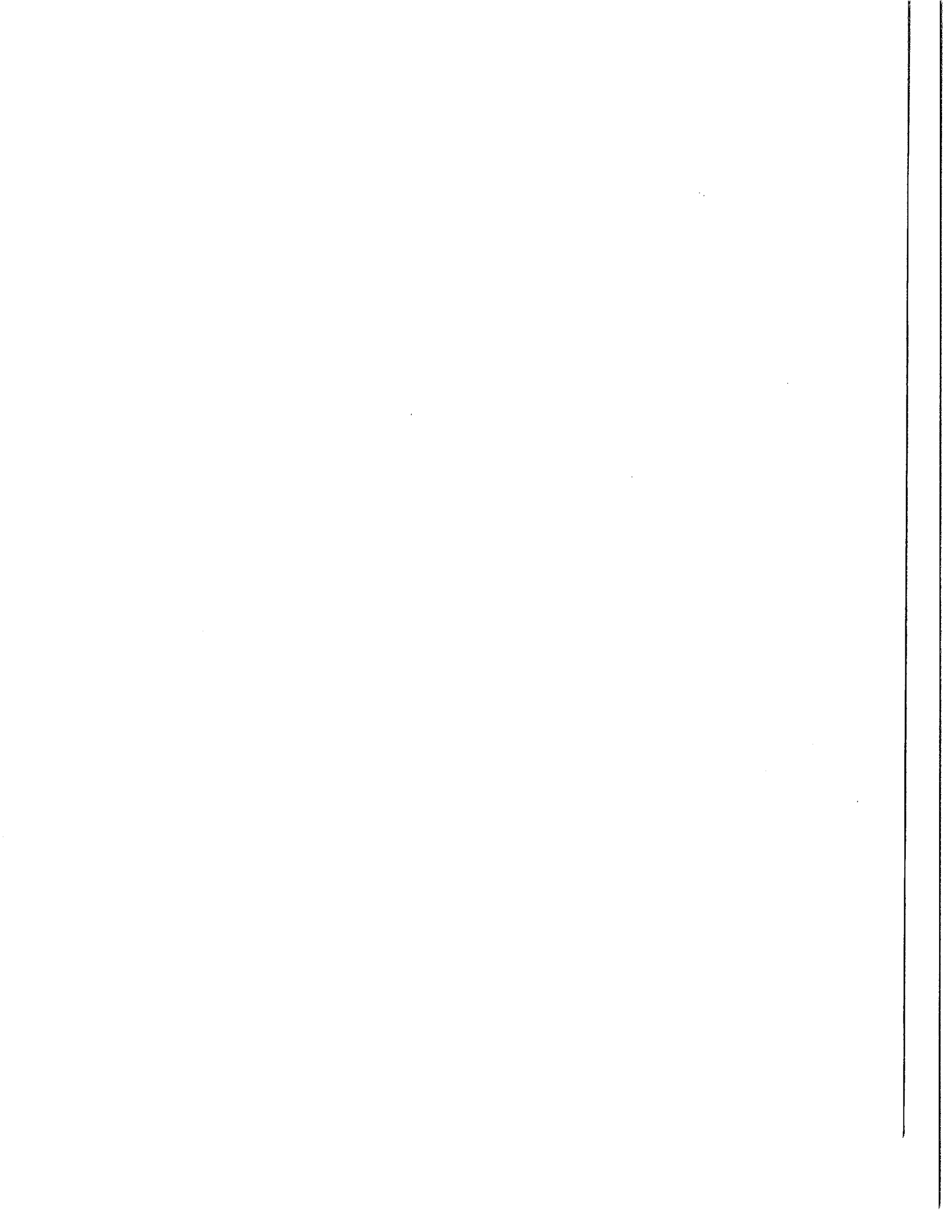
Another issue is with regards to complaints. These complaints are very time consuming and expensive. It would appear that we are moving in the direction of compulsory mediation. I trust that this procedure will result in members settling their disputes internally. Again, I refer to my motto. "If you can't contribute, please do not contaminate."

There are other issues and agenda items that I will discuss at this meeting, however they will be reported through the minutes.

I thank our Staff, Executive Council, and Past Command Presidents for your continued support. I wish all an enjoyable Summer and please keep in touch with our Command through our website and facebook page.

Our sincere condolences go out to the Family and Friends of Ken George CD. Service Officer of our Command. We thank him for his outstanding Service to our Veterans. He will be missed by all.

Don McCumber/ President NS/NU Command



Finance Report

Chairman George DellaValle, 1st VP

Don McCumber, President

Harry Jackson, 2nd VP

Conrad Gilbert, Treasurer

Executive Director Craig Hood, Secretary

Comrades

The 2023 NS/NU Command Audit is first on the agenda.

The Finance Committee had one Zoom meeting to discuss the break down of the allotted funds from the LCAP program for the branches that requested funds for Branch repairs/upgrades. Monthly financial statements are being reviewed and copies are being sent to all members of the Executive Council for their review and comments. The Finance Committee reviews all Command investments on a regular basis, and we had 1 investment that was reinvested and that was the Elise Jean Lambert with a matureing date now of 3 May 2025. Currently it is reinvested for 13 months locked in GIC at a rate of 5.10%. A vote was conducted, and all members of EC voted in favor of the proposed action. All Maturing GIC's are monitored, and the best interest rates are sought out for your approval by the Command Treasurer. The financial statement for the month of March will be next on the agenda.

Respectfully Submitted

George DellaValle

Chairman Finance/Building

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

March-24		
Actual March	Budget March	Variance March-24
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 4,501.88	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,001.88
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 25,458.40	\$ 26,375.00	\$ (916.60)
\$ 4,527.52	\$ 10,500.00	\$ (5,972.48)
\$ 34,487.80	\$ 39,375.00	\$ (4,887.20)

YTD, 2024		
Actual YTD	Budget 2024	Variance YTD
\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)
\$ 17.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (1,183.00)
\$ 13,024.83	\$ 30,000.00	\$ (16,975.17)
\$ 10.36	\$ -	\$ 10.36
\$ 135.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (365.00)
\$ 90.00	\$ -	\$ 90.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 68,338.00	\$ 188,000.00	\$ (119,662.00)
\$ 29,527.59	\$ 85,000.00	\$ (55,472.41)
\$ 111,142.78	\$ 309,700.00	\$ (198,557.22)

OPERATING REVENUE

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
4528	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE

\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)
\$ 17.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (1,183.00)
\$ 13,024.83	\$ 30,000.00	\$ (16,975.17)
\$ 10.36	\$ -	\$ 10.36
\$ 135.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (365.00)
\$ 90.00	\$ -	\$ 90.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 68,338.00	\$ 188,000.00	\$ (119,662.00)
\$ 29,527.59	\$ 85,000.00	\$ (55,472.41)
\$ 111,142.78	\$ 309,700.00	\$ (198,557.22)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

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

\$ 41.40	\$ 2,400.00	\$ (2,358.60)
\$ 24,882.63	\$ 94,021.98	\$ (69,139.35)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,812.35	\$ 7,140.28	\$ (5,327.93)
\$ 154.92	\$ 3,026.11	\$ (2,871.19)
\$ 273.00	\$ 1,872.00	\$ (1,599.00)
\$ 159.00	\$ 634.32	\$ (475.32)
\$ 732.14	\$ 4,125.00	\$ (3,392.86)
\$ 3,248.86	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (2,751.14)
\$ 10,000.98	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,000.98
\$ 1,593.79	\$ 7,500.00	\$ (5,906.21)
\$ 6,255.39	\$ 33,000.00	\$ (26,744.61)
\$ 5,750.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ (19,250.00)
\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (50,000.00)
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
\$ 3,172.35	\$ 14,000.00	\$ (10,827.65)
\$ 1,714.65	\$ 12,800.00	\$ (11,085.35)
\$ 16,000.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 14,700.00
\$ 587.50	\$ 7,000.00	\$ (6,412.50)
\$ 194.48	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (805.52)
\$ 36.16	\$ -	\$ 36.16
\$ 700.93	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (499.07)
\$ 78,310.63	\$ 282,019.69	\$ (203,709.16)

Occupancy Expenses

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

\$ 2,222.95	\$ 11,000.00	\$ (8,777.05)
\$ 90.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (410.00)
\$ 192.31	\$ 750.00	\$ (557.69)
\$ 1,612.54	\$ 3,750.00	\$ (2,137.46)
\$ 1,661.40	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (4,338.60)
\$ 3,717.75	\$ 12,031.54	\$ (8,313.79)
\$ 9,496.95	\$ 34,031.54	\$ (24,534.59)

\$ 480.00	\$ 916.67	\$ (436.67)
\$ 30.00	\$ 41.67	\$ (11.67)
\$ 192.31	\$ 125.00	\$ 67.31
\$ 471.55	\$ 312.50	\$ 159.05
\$ 540.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 40.00
\$ 1,239.25	\$ 1,002.63	\$ 236.62
\$ 2,933.11	\$ 2,898.46	\$ 34.65

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

March-24		
Actual March	Budget March	Variance March-24
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 12.60	\$ (12.60)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 466.67	\$ (466.67)
\$ 169.55	\$ 41.67	\$ 127.88
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ (375.00)
\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ (10.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ (125.00)
\$ 697.55	\$ 1,250.00	\$ (552.45)
\$ -	\$ 83.33	\$ (83.33)
\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ (250.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ (1,100.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 151.47	\$ 900.00	\$ (748.53)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 41.64	\$ (41.64)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,518.57	\$ 5,655.81	\$ (4,137.24)

\$ 24,260.61	\$ 30,852.27	\$ (6,591.66)
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\$ 10,227.19	\$ 8,522.73	\$ 1,704.46
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YTD, 2024

Actual YTD	Budget 2024	Variance YTD
\$ 304.00	\$ 34,500.00	\$ (34,196.00)
\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (15,000.00)
\$ 304.00	\$ 49,500.00	\$ (49,196.00)

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

\$ 568.03	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,431.97)
\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ (150.00)
\$ -	\$ 13,650.00	\$ (13,650.00)
\$ -	\$ 5,600.00	\$ (5,600.00)
\$ 217.61	\$ 500.00	\$ (282.39)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 203.55	\$ 500.00	\$ (296.45)
\$ 543.38	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (956.62)
\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 85.00	\$ (85.00)
\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 126.72	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,373.28)
\$ 697.55	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (14,302.45)
\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,825.00	\$ (5,325.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 25.82	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (2,974.18)
\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ (1,100.00)
\$ -	\$ 6,350.00	\$ (6,350.00)
\$ 644.49	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (2,355.51)
\$ 255.42	\$ -	\$ 255.42
\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 4,782.57	\$ 62,960.00	\$ (58,177.43)

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

\$ 92,894.06	\$ 428,611.23	\$ (335,617.18)
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Administration NET INCOME (LOSS)

\$ 18,248.73	\$ (118,811.23)	\$ 137,059.96
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**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Programs Fund - Programs Statement**

March-24

YTD, 2024

Actual March	Budget March	Variance March-24
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,018.13	\$ 200.00	\$ 818.13
\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
\$ -	\$ 334.00	\$ (334.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,018.13	\$ 634.00	\$ 384.13

\$ 1,018.13	\$ 634.00	\$ 334.00
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\$ (1,018.13)	\$ (634.00)	\$ (384.13)
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PROGRAM REVENUE		
4450	Leadership Training Camp Income - (incl donation fr Lotto & VSRB)	\$ -
4285	Miscellaneous Income -LTC	\$ -
4660	Sports Revenues	\$ -
	Total Program Revenue	\$ -

PROGRAM EXPENSES		
5545	Leadership Training Camp	\$ -
5546	Grand Parade	\$ 750.00
5556	Trust 1 Bursary	\$ -
	TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$ 750.00

SPORTS EXPENSES		
5606	Sports Committee Expense - General	\$ 243.44
5510	Darts Expense - General	\$ 1,018.13
5520	Cribbage Expense - General	\$ -
5522	8 Ball Pool - General	\$ -
5525	Track & Field Expense - General	\$ -
	TOTAL SPORTS EXPENSES	\$ 1,261.57

	TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$ 1,261.57
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	TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$ (1,261.57)
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Actual YTD	Budget 2024	Variance YTD
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ (750.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ (750.00)

\$ 243.44	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (756.56)
\$ 1,018.13	\$ 800.00	\$ 218.13
\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)
\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
\$ -	\$ 27,000.00	\$ (27,000.00)
\$ 1,261.57	\$ 30,100.00	\$ (28,838.43)

\$ 1,261.57	\$ 30,850.00	\$ (29,588.43)
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\$ (1,261.57)	\$ (30,850.00)	\$ 29,588.43
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**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Poppy Fund - Poppy Statement**

March-24

Actual March	Budget March	Variance March-24
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\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 3,035.00	\$ -	\$ (3,035.00)
\$ 3,299.44	\$ -	\$ 3,299.44
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,977.69	\$ 1,083.33	\$ 894.36
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 8,312.13	\$ 1,083.33	\$ 1,158.80

\$ 2,243.00	\$ -	\$ 2,243.00
\$ 2,415.88	\$ -	\$ 2,415.88
\$ 4,658.88	\$ -	\$ 4,658.88

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 427.05	\$ 272.73	\$ 154.32
\$ -	\$ 286.67	\$ (286.67)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 36.88	\$ 186.67	\$ (129.79)
\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 508.81	\$ 125.00	\$ 383.81
\$ 20.04	\$ 129.58	\$ (109.54)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 7,343.07	\$ 13,415.76	\$ (6,072.69)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 416.67	\$ (416.67)
\$ 7,845.79	\$ 8,203.36	\$ (357.57)
\$ 56.06	\$ 114.58	\$ (58.52)
\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (12,000.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 18,237.70	\$ 35,211.01	\$ (18,973.31)

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

\$ 20,896.58	\$ 35,211.01	\$ (14,314.43)
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\$ (12,584.45)	\$ (34,127.68)	\$ 15,473.23
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YTD, 2024

Actual YTD	Budget 2024	Variance YTD
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POPPY REVENUE

4601 Poppy Promotional Free Items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4610 Taxable Poppy Sales	\$ 3,656.84	\$ 63,319.81	\$ (59,662.97)
4615 Non-Taxable Poppy Sales	\$ 6,660.34	\$ 395,528.68	\$ (388,868.54)
4623 Assessed Poppy	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ (100,000.00)
4616 Poppy Sales Adjustment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4620 Postage & Courier Income - Poppy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4630 Interest Income Poppy	\$ 6,455.56	\$ 13,000.00	\$ (6,544.44)
4650 Donatlon Income - Poppy	\$ 7.25	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,492.75)
Total Poppy Revenue	\$ 10,779.99	\$ 573,348.69	\$ (566,568.70)

Poppy Purchases

5610 Taxable Poppy Purchases	\$ 1,692.40	\$ 49,711.21	\$ (48,018.81)
5615 Non-Taxable Poppy Purchases	\$ 4,905.28	\$ 287,782.43	\$ (282,877.15)
Total Poppy Purchases	\$ 6,597.68	\$ 337,493.64	\$ (330,895.86)

Poppy Expenses

5625 Advertising - Poppy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5627 Building Maint - Poppy	\$ 997.19	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (2,002.81)
5629 Service Contracts - Poppy	\$ -	\$ 3,200.00	\$ (3,200.00)
5630 NS/NU Bursary Cheques - Poppy (24@500.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5635 Computer Expenses - Poppy	\$ 1,930.66	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (69.34)
5640 Donatlons - Poppy	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
5650 Interest & Bank Charges Poppy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5655 NS/NU Commard Office Use-Poppy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5660 Office Supplies - Poppy	\$ 729.40	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (770.60)
5666 Postage & Courier - Poppy	\$ 398.44	\$ 1,555.00	\$ (1,156.56)
5670 Poster & Essay Winners - Poppy	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (10.00)
5671-78 Wages & Benefits	\$ 17,011.98	\$ 116,289.92	\$ (99,257.94)
5679 Special Functions - Poppy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5680 Service Officer Travel - Poppy	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)
5685 Secretarial - Poppy	\$ 18,185.71	\$ 71,095.77	\$ (52,910.06)
5690 Telephone - Poppy	\$ 244.05	\$ 1,375.00	\$ (1,130.95)
5693 Transfer to Veterans Outreach	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (12,000.00)
5695 Public Relations - Poppy	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)
Total Poppy Expenses	\$ 40,687.43	\$ 219,395.69	\$ (178,708.26)

Travel & Allowances

5640 Poppy Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Travel & Allowances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

TOTAL POPPY EXPENDITURES

\$ 47,285.11	\$ 558,889.33	\$ (609,604.22)
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Poppy Net Income (Loss)

\$ (30,505.12)	\$ 16,459.36	\$ (46,964.48)
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RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Elsie Jean Lambert Fund - EJ Lambert Statement

	March-24		
Actual	Budget	Variance	
March-24	March-24	March-24	

\$	610.94	\$	491.66	\$	119.28
\$	610.94	\$	491.66	\$	119.28

\$	5.00	\$	3.75	\$	1.25
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	5.00	\$	3.75	\$	1.25
\$	605.94	\$	487.91	\$	118.03

YTD, 2024

Actual	Budget 2024	Variance
YTD	YTD	YTD

LAMBERT INCOME
 Interest Income -
 Lambert used for Bursary Funding
 re: E J Lambert
 4910 Total Bursary/Scholarship Income

\$	1,966.65	\$	5,899.94	\$	(3,933.29)
\$	1,966.65	\$	5,899.94	\$	(3,933.29)

LAMBERT EXPENSES
 5905 Bank Charges - Lambert
 5910 Elsie Lambert Scholarship Cheques

\$	15.00	\$	45.00	\$	(30.00)
\$	-	\$	5,899.94	\$	(5,899.94)
\$	15.00	\$	5,944.94	\$	(5,929.94)

TOTAL LAMBERT EXPENSES

Net Income (Loss)

\$	1,951.65	\$	(45.00)	\$	1,996.65
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**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Benevolent Fund - Benevolent Statement**

March-24		
Actual March-24	Budget March-24	Variance March-24
\$ 16,500.00	\$ -	\$ 16,500.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 3,010.90	\$ 1,416.67	\$ 1,594.23
\$ 19,510.90	\$ 1,416.67	\$ 18,094.23
\$ (500.00)	\$ 4,492.70	\$ (4,992.70)
\$ 5.50	\$ 7.30	\$ (1.80)
\$ (494.50)	\$ 4,500.00	\$ (4,994.50)
\$ 20,005.40	\$ (3,083.33)	\$ 23,088.73

BENEVOLENT REVENUE

4810	Donations - Benevolent	
4815	Veterans Transition Program	
4820	Interest Income - Benevolent	
TOTAL BENEVOLENT REVENUE		

BENEVOLENT EXPENSES

5810	Benevolent Disbursements	
5820	Bank Charges	
TOTAL BENEVOLENT EXPENSES		

Total Benevolent Net Income (Loss)

YTD, 2024		
Actual YTD	Budget 2024	Variance YTD
\$ 82,924.62	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 45,924.62
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 9,096.54	\$ 17,000.00	\$ (7,903.46)
\$ 92,021.16	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 38,021.16
\$ 749.16	\$ 53,912.37	\$ (53,163.21)
\$ 77.94	\$ 87.63	\$ (9.69)
\$ 827.10	\$ 54,000.00	\$ (53,172.90)
\$ 91,194.06	\$ -	\$ 91,194.06

March-24		
Actual M-24	Budget M-24	Variance M-24
\$ -	\$ 26,750.00	\$ (26,750.00)
\$ 28,093.82	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 22,843.82
\$ (28,093.82)	\$ 21,500.00	\$ (49,593.82)

VETERANS OUTREACH REVENUE

4553	Veterans Outreach Program	
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VETERANS OUTREACH EXPENSES

5830	Veterans Outreach Program	
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Total Veterans Outreach Net Income (Loss)

YTD, 2024		
Actual YTD	Budget 2024	Variance YTD
\$ -	\$ 42,500.00	\$ (42,500.00)
\$ 32,297.46	\$ 63,000.00	\$ (30,702.54)
\$ (32,297.46)	\$ (20,500.00)	\$ (11,797.46)

RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Summary - General Fund

March-24		
Actual M-24	Budget M-24	Variance M-24
\$ 34,487.80	\$ 39,375.00	\$ (4,887.20)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 34,487.80	\$ 39,375.00	\$ (4,887.20)
\$ 24,260.61	\$ 30,852.27	\$ (6,591.66)
\$ 1,018.13	\$ 634.00	\$ 384.13
\$ 25,278.74	\$ 31,486.27	\$ (6,207.53)
\$ 9,209.06	\$ 7,888.73	\$ 1,320.33

YTD, 2024			
Actual YTD	Budget 2024	Variance YTD	
Revenue - General Total	\$ 111,142.78	\$ 309,700.00	\$ (198,557.22)
Revenue - Programs Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue Total	\$ 111,142.78	\$ 309,700.00	\$ (198,557.22)
Expense - General Total	\$ 92,894.05	\$ 428,511.23	\$ (335,617.18)
Expense - Programs Total	\$ 1,261.57	\$ 30,850.00	\$ (29,588.43)
Expense Total	\$ 94,155.62	\$ 459,361.23	\$ (365,205.61)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 16,987.16	\$ (149,661.23)	\$ 166,648.39

RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Summary - Poppy Fund

March-24		
Actual M-24	Budget M-24	Variance M-24
\$ 8,312.13	\$ 1,083.33	\$ 7,228.80
\$ 8,312.13	\$ 1,083.33	\$ 7,228.80
\$ 20,896.58	\$ 35,211.01	\$ (14,314.43)
\$ 20,896.58	\$ 35,211.01	\$ (14,314.43)
\$ (12,584.45)	\$ (34,127.68)	\$ 21,543.23

YTD, 2024			
Actual YTD	Budget 2024	Variance YTD	
Revenue - Poppy Total	\$ 16,779.99	\$ 573,348.69	\$ (556,568.70)
Revenue - Programs Total	\$ 16,779.99	\$ 573,348.69	\$ (556,568.70)
Expense - Poppy Total	\$ 47,285.11	\$ 556,889.33	\$ (509,604.22)
Expense - Programs Total	\$ 47,285.11	\$ 556,889.33	\$ (509,604.22)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (30,505.12)	\$ 16,459.36	\$ (46,964.48)

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

March-24		
Actual M-24	Budget M-24	Variance M-24
\$ 610.94	\$ 491.66	\$ 119.28
\$ 610.94	\$ 491.66	\$ 119.28
\$ 5.00	\$ 3.75	\$ 1.25
\$ 5.00	\$ 3.75	\$ 1.25
\$ 605.94	\$ 487.91	\$ 118.03

YTD, 2024			
Actual YTD	Budget 2024	Variance YTD	
Revenue - Lambert Total	\$ 1,966.65	\$ 5,899.94	\$ (3,933.29)
Revenue - Programs Total	\$ 1,966.65	\$ 5,899.94	\$ (3,933.29)
Expense - Lambert Total	\$ 15.00	\$ 5,944.94	\$ (5,929.94)
Expense - Programs Total	\$ 15.00	\$ 5,944.94	\$ (5,929.94)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 1,951.65	\$ (45.00)	\$ 1,996.65

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April-24

Plus: Current Points Examined	34,586
Less: Redeemed Points	1,851
	36,437

GL Acct	Purchase Date	Orig. Invest.	Int. Rate	Terms Months	Maturity	Balance Sheet Value Last month	New Balance Value	Interest Earned Month
1151	02-Apr-23	\$200,000.00	5.10%	13	05-Dec-25	\$207,865.59	\$208,682.07	\$812.48
1168	05-Jun-23	\$25,000.00	4.80%	30	05-Dec-25	\$25,993.59	\$26,091.55	\$109.96
1171	05-Jun-23	\$100,000.00	4.80%	30	05-Dec-25	\$103,538.36	\$104,374.19	\$415.83
1169	05-Jun-23	\$80,000.00	4.80%	30	05-Dec-25	\$83,166.69	\$83,699.35	\$332.67
1176	05-Oct-23	\$50,000.00	5.60%	13	05-Nov-25	\$51,385.41	\$51,608.74	\$223.33
1166	06-Dec-22	\$72,837.57	5.00%	36	06-Dec-25	\$77,836.16	\$77,836.16	\$372.97
1184	14-Feb-24	\$50,000.00	5.20%	12/662	05-Mar-27	\$50,334.79	\$50,334.79	\$205.19
1195	14-Feb-24	\$50,000.00	5.20%	12/662	05-Mar-27	\$50,334.79	\$50,334.79	\$205.19
1111	09-Aug-23	\$332,540.83	5.25%	13	09-Sep-24	\$343,828.79	\$345,217.33	\$1,388.54
		\$860,188.20				\$994,378.19	\$998,391.34	\$4,013.15

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) \$ @ 1000.00 each

Elsie Lambert Fund - for Interest
 Dr (G # 1150) GIC El Lambert

Cr (G # 14910) Interest Income-Lambert

Trust 1 Bursary - for cheques
 Dr (G # 5555) Trust 1 Bursary Expense
 Cr (G # 1015) Bank-General
 Dr (G # 2601) Def Rev Long Term
 Cr (G # 5556) Trust 1 Bursary Expense
 Dr (G # 1070) Bank-Trust 1 Bursary
 Cr (G # 2601) Def Rev Long Term

Building

Chairman George DellaValle, 1st VP

Don McCumber, President

Harry Jackson, 2nd VP,

Conrad Gilbert, Treasure,

Executive Director, Craig Hood

Comrades

During the period from February to May 2024, the Command Building had 2 Door Alarm calls reported and security checks done due to the wind again.

The office for the new Service Officer was painted and we had to move some wiring/computer installations around to make the office more up to date for the computers/monitors. Also at this time we upgraded 2 new monitors for the both Service Officers one in each office.

The access list and security codes for the Command Building is now upgraded and the old codes are all wiped out of the system. All staff have new codes.

The Maintenance of the building and grounds is monitored monthly by a check list to ensure that the building is safe and operational.

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

25 May 24

Comrades,

This has been an eventful quarter. Since our last meeting, the Facebook and Instagram pages have been up and running. Some branches have been submitting beautiful posts of their commemoration services and veteran outreach programs along with individual and branch achievements. I only ask that district commanders continue to promote our page and encourage our membership to like and follow the pages. This is important to the algorithms that Meta uses that will help in organically growing our viewership and give us more visibility.

In April, I attended meetings in Ottawa that included informative discussions with my fellow Command Executive Directors, that opened lines of communication and information sharing from coast to coast. I was able to sit in on the DEC meetings, where I was comforted to know that the main emphasis in discussions was toward the care of veterans. We were also privileged with a visit to the Pepper Pod, to learn what they do for women veterans. This provided insights as to how we could support women veterans that was later discussed in our Command's Veteran Outreach Committee Meeting.

On the 13th of May, Ken George passed away. His absence since his recent retirement had been deeply felt at NS/NU Command, so this news had only amplified our feelings of loss and sadness. His comradeship will be missed.

We have onboarded a new Command Service Officer, Dana McLellan, MMM, CD. She served for 34 years in the Royal Canadian Navy and reaching the rank of Chief Petty Officer 1st Class. She comes to us with a tremendous amount of relatable experience and even more compassion for helping her fellow veterans, RCMP and their families.

So far, as I enter the 3rd quarter of my first year, things are moving along. We have been moving the yard stick forward to improve our operational efficiency while building a cohesive, team-oriented work environment. I wish to thank everyone who has displayed patience as I continue to learn in this role. I do the best I can and am not afraid to make mistakes. When I make mistakes, know that I am learning from them and that if I was free of error, I would not be working hard enough.

In Comradeship



Craig Hood CD

Executive Director

RCL NS/NU 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.

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Name:

clarence dawe

Nova Scotia Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion

District

A

Date

May 3 2024

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

Zone

1

Yes

No

Zone

2

Yes

No

Zone

4

Yes

No

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

Date

Yes

Apr 21, 2024

No

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

Date

Yes

Apr. 30, 2024

No

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

meeting of br 008

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.

no

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

- Yes
- No

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

MAY 15/24

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

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

Attended local branch meeting and Dominion Command Membership meeting.

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

N/A

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 Zone 6 having issues , hopefully mentorship person or team to be assigned to assist. Its seems personalality issues.

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 busy with events, no issues with finances alright, and some are doing renovations.

District Commander's Report

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Name:

Robert Hoeg

District

C

Date

May 13, 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

April 14, 2024

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

May 14, 2024

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

Zone 07 meeting March 27/24.
Still no Zone 07 Commander.

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

No.
Review of Bylaw and policy concerns during District meetings.

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.

Branches that have not provided policy manuals have been contacted.

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.

Have not receivedd Branch Information Forms from Command. Not sure if all Branches have submitted their forms to Command.

District Commander's Report

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Name:

Don Stansbury

District

D

Date

8 May 24

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

Zone

8

Yes

No

Zone

9

Yes

No

Zone

11

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

next meeting →

Date

19 MAY 2024

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

24 Sep 2023

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

Have attended all zone 8, 9, 11 meetings, ritual and awards committee meetings, zoom executive meetings, attended branch general meetings with zone and command president that are having problems in all three zones. acquired a zone 11 commander and installed him. attended all 4 branches in zone 11 and installed all branch executive officers as no zone commander for 2023.

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

nothing available yet to do the training

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

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.

all three zones have branches that experience problems with people not getting along or they do not like how the branch is being run by their respective president, have contacted that specific branch sometimes with the zone commander, the command president and the executive director to try and resolve their problems. It is getting harder for people at thier age to understand that this is a legion and not a pub and the rules that govern it to make it run.

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

7 May 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

24 March 2024

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.

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.

Zone 12 one Legion is still working on its Policy Book

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.

Zone 12 Commander is still out with medical issues.

Attended the Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration at Br 44 Chester, very good parade and well attended by Navy personnel.

Visited two Legions to help them with their Branch Policy Books.

District Commander's Report

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Name:

Joanne Geddes

District

F

Date

11 May 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

21 Apr 24

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.

H&A Eastern Marine, Bedford, Calais, Centennial
Battle of Atlantic at Commodore Park
Special Meetings at both Vimy Br 027 and White Ensign Br 129
Executive Council Meetings
Ritual Awards and Protocol meetings
Bursary Committee Meeting

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

Alcohol and Gaming prior to District Meeting - Q&A format

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.

The only challenges seem to be meeting the deadlines. It seems to be the same Branches and both Zone Commanders and myself are speaking with President's directly to resolve the situation. A year in the positions and we are all seeing clearly the trends of the individual Branches.

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.

Deputy Zone 14 Commander will be moving to NL permanently on 28 June. Doubtful that we will be able to find a replacement. We wish him all the best.

Deputy Commander, Comrade Tom McCormack, will be Acting District Commander during my absence from 27 May to 9 June 2024.

Have been working on distributing service pins to Holding Branch members in the Dist, not a lot of success

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

Greetings

Branch 168:

Branch 168 has finally entered into the sale & Lease back agreement with the Maloy group of companies to stave off a tax arrears auction on it's properties. We are awaiting the finalized Documents.

Donations:

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

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:

Weekend dance nights are extremely popular this year with new and returning members. our Kitchen is still populare for take out and our Wednesday Wings and Friday Steak nights.

Branch 169

Donations

We have not had any recent requests for donations.

Membership:

By the end of April, we have approximately 140 active members who hav either joined the branch or renewed for 2024. A significant portion of these have been conducted online, a practice we actively promote and encourage among our members/new applicants.

Branch Activities

The Rankin Inlet Dart League holds its matches at the legion every Wednesday and Thursday night. What was once a unisex league has now transitioned into tw segments, with men competing on Wednesdays and women on Thursdays. This separation has brought positive changes to our branch, as Thursdays, typically quiet, now thrive with activity, matching the vibrancy of Wednesdays.

We are currently in the process of finalizing the arrangements for our annual Canada Day BBQ, a cherished community event. We take pride in our contribution, providing all the necessary food, supplies, and volunteers to ensure that every member of Rankin Inlet can partake in and enjoy the festivities.

Branch Operations

In 2022, the building we lease and operate from changed ownership. Despite having three years left on our lease, the new owners intentions for the building remain undisclosed. However, we have made recent improvements by upgrading one of our TVs to a larger flat screen. Additionally, there has been a surge in private rentals and functions utilizing the legion as the venue. Typically, we host one or two rentals per month, ranging from childrens birthday parties to private corporate meetings.

We recently replaced all the chairs and tables at the legion as they were showing signs of wear and needed an upgrade.

Yours in Comradeship,

Clifford Laurin
Nunavut District G Commander

Appeals Committee Report
Nova Scotia/ Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion
May 2024

Members of the Committee:

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

Comrades,

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

To date, we have not received any appeals. If there is a change to the report, the Executive Council will be advised at the May meeting.

In Comradeship,

Donna McRury

Chairman

Appeals Committee

Benevolent Report
Nova Scotia/ Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion
May, 2024

Committee Members

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

The Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Benevolent Fund enables our Command the ability to provide emergency assistance to all Veterans and their families. The fund provides emergency assistance such as shelter, food, fuel, clothing, prescription medicine and necessary transportation.

As per the Poppy Manual, assistance cannot be continued over the long term, but is available more than once to applicants. NS/NU Command Benevolent Fund from October to February was able to aid Veterans and their families, who through no fault of their own, found themselves in need of help and fortunately, we were able to assist.

The following is a list of the assistance that was provided.

Month	Shelter	Food	Fuel	Clothing	Medicine	Transportation	Expenses	Revenue
February							6.50	59,491.46
March							494.50	19,510.90
April							Pending	Pending
May							Pending	Pending

It must be noted that every application is vetted thoroughly before any assistance is provided, and that the circumstances and needs are serious enough to impact on the financial stability of other clients or their dependents. When the committee decides, it must offer either an immediate solution or contribute to a plan that will bring long term stability to the situation. Benevolent assistance is only offered when all other means of help are unavailable.

The Committee would like to thank the branches of NS/NU Command who helped when called upon for support. We kindly ask all Branches to keep Benevolent Assistance in mind when disbursing funds from the Poppy Trust accounts. Your generous contributions support those Veterans and their families who are in need.

Yours in Comradeship.

Donna McRury

Chairman

Benevolent Fund Committee

NS/NU Command

Bursary/Scholarship Committee Report

Committee Chair: Comrade Joanne Geddes
Member – Craig Hood
Member – Brenda Brandow

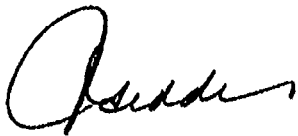
The deadline for applications was 15 April. All applications that were received on time were vetted for completeness and applications that met the criteria went before the committee on Tuesday, 7 May 2024 at 1000 am.

In accordance with the policy, \$1000.00 bursaries are to be allotted from the interest on the account. As a result, one Elsie Jean (E.J.) Lambert was awarded, to the applicant with the best file and a cheque requisition was submitted in the name of the applicant and the educational institution.

The committee reviewed seven applications for the Prince of Wales scholarship and the top six applications were selected and will be forwarded to the province for consideration.

I would like to thank the committee for all of their invaluable help.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joanne Geddes
Bursary/Scholarship Committee Chair

Nova Scotia-Nunavut Command
Legion Magazine report
January 01, 2024, to April 30, 2024

1. Following information is submitted for your information.

2. Seven Branches forwarded submissions for the Legion Magazine.
 - a. Branch 6 Kentville 1
 - b. Branch 26 Colchester 1
 - c. Branch 32 Oxford 4
 - d. Branch 60 Pugwash 2
 - e. Branch 128 Whitney Pier 12
 - f. Branch 150 Isle Madame
 - g. Branch 155 Wedgeport 2

Total Branch submissions: 7

Total Photographs forwarded: 11

Total photographs not forwarded: 15

Reasons for not being forwarded:

- (a) Subject matter did not meet the criteria for publication.
- (b) Photograph format was not able to be sized to publication requirements. Photographs taken with Cell Phones and iPad can be too small in memory to be adjusted to Legion criteria. Photographs should be .5 to 1 megabyte in size. Larger photographs can be reduced to Legion Criteria, a too small photograph will distort when enlarged.
- (c) Some photographs taken by these cameras, when adjusted to magazine requirements turn to be out of focus or blurred by camera shake. If Cell phone and iPad cameras were quality cameras, camera manufacturers would not be making cameras costing upwards of

five hundred to ten thousand dollars. Branches should supply a suitable digital camera to their Public Relations Comrade to take a quality photograph.

Issues:

There was expressed concern that photographs from Nova Scotia/Nunavut command were not being published.

Remedy:

As the Legion Magazine Representative, I contacted Michael Smith at the Legion Magazine office to whom all submissions are sent. It was discovered that my submissions were being sent to the Junk mail file of Michael Smith's email. I was assured by Michael Smith that this error was corrected. He apologized for this error and affirmed his intention to have the submitted photographs published in future issues of the magazine.

To this end, I am submitting my files to the Legion Magazine using Outlook. It has a tracking feature for emails being delivered and opened that Gmail does not have. I expect that these measures will correct the error.

Respectfully submitted in Comradeship,

James R. Leadbeater

Comrade James R. Leadbeater

Legion Magazine Representative

Nova Scotia-Nunavut Command

James.leadbeater@hotmail.com

Complaints Report May/ 2024

All outstanding complaints have been dealt with.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Young

Conrad Gilbert

Tom McCormack

NS/NU Command
Cadet legion Medal of Excellence Report
for meeting 25 May 2024

2 May 2024

I am very happy that I had the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Cadet legion Medal of Excellence Committee. It was very nice to see the hard work Cadets do to support their Communities.

This year the committee reviewed 45 applications and approved 44. The one cadet not approved had only two events listed in Section B. Lt(N) Annie MacLeod CD, Regional Cadet Support Unit (Atlantic) Tried to gets the Cadet's Commanding Officer to provide more info but the CO was not forthcoming with the requested information.

Local Branch support was 100%

I wish to thank the following who were part of committee and the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Atlantic) representative:

Clifford Laurin - Member
Wilson MacDonald - Member
Lt(N) Annie MacLeod CD - (Atlantic Representative)
Brenda Brandow - Secretary

This is my Report submitted for meeting on 25 May 2024

André Boudreau CD, Chairman
Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence Committee

Camp Hill Report

Committee Comrade Steve Cochrane and Comrade Joanne Geddes

The staff at Camp Hill continue to provide remembrance and memorial services for out Veterans. The Zone 15 Sgt-at-Arms, Comrade Richard Powell, continues to represent Command at the monthly memorial services (last Monday). January's service was rescheduled to 5 Feb which was also cancelled, both due to snowstorms however they got back on track on 26 February.

The Sgt-at-Arms advised that the February service was "awesome". There was 65 people present which included veteran patients, family and friends of those passed away, staff and those involved with the service. Camp Hill has decided to hold the services every other month starting in March of this year. This decision was made because each month there is a significant drop in families attending. Holding one every month is just too soon for the families of veterans who have gone through celebrations of life/funeral services to also attend the Camp Hill Memorial Service. The two month schedule will allow time for the families and for a larger turnout at the services as happened in February.

The Battle of Atlantic ceremony was scaled back this year. World War II and Korean War veterans were invited to attend a small service at 2 pm on the 5th of May. As has been done in the past, Earl Francis Memorial Branch in Spryfield attended to read off the names of the lost ships and rang the bell. There was no requirement for a Colour Party. The staff continue to provide meaningful services that provide our veterans with the opportunity to remember and share these services with their family and friends.

The Exec Dir advised of a request received from the Ombud's office to assist a visually impaired veteran at Camp Hill. I made contact with the veteran, we spoke about his needs/expectations (he is also extremely hard of hearing) and we have been able to provide a volunteer (with the tech skills to assist) the veteran in managing his correspondence, appointments, etc. at least once a week.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Geddes
Bursary/Scholarship Committee Chair

Membership Report May 15, 2024

February 1, 2023

Total membership all branches for 2023, first time for two consecutive years in over 3 decades, with 256,500, paid members, 13,000 up from previous year.

11,000 new members joined via the portal and 27,000 auto renewals.

This year so far they processed 240,000 members, there currently at 26,000 new and reinstated Members.

NSNU Command Membership, in 2023 was 17,381 paid and 2024 so far 16,764 paid this year. We have 730 life, 4,748 ordinary, 8,789 associate, affiliate voting 2,977 and affiliate non-voting 117.

Dominion command is asking all members supply their emails so they can have on file.

Dominion Command gave update on legion branch email address that were assigned, 91 branches have not accessed any emails sent to their legion .ca or their secondary email since 2018.

267 have secondary email that remained unopened since December 2023.

125 branches have not checked their legion .ca email, command is preparing letters to be sent if need assistance and asking for secondary email address.

Dates for legion week are September 15th to September 21st.

Lorne MacDonald

Membership Chairman

Nova Scotia Nunavut Command

Constitutions & By-Laws Committee

25 May 2024

Chairman 1st VP, George DellaValle
President, Don McCumber
2nd VP, Harry Jackson
NS/NU Chairman, Tom Young
Past President, Marion Fryday -Cook
District G Commander Cliff Laurin
Command Secretary, Jane Scott

Comrades

The C&L Committee has continued to meet and review Branch Annex A's and Branch Policy manuals and admendments submission sent in from the branches. We would like to thank all those Branchs as well as the Zone and District Commanders for their hard work in getting these Policies and submissions into Command for review. A progress report will be given at the Executive Council meeting as well as District Commander's will recieve a statis reports on their own District after each C&L meeting.

All Branch Mail Outs have been sent out, including a sample of the Branch Policy Manual, the Amendment Form and the Questionnaire. Also, we require the Branch General meeting minutes which were passed. We require all 3 items sent in before they can be approved.

I wish to thank the C & L Committee for their time and vast knowledge while serving on this committee, and Comrade Jane Scott, Committee Secretary, for her assistance throughout 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

May 2024

Comrade Harry Jackson – Chair
Comrade Joanne Geddes - Member
Comrade Cliff Lauren – Member
Comrade Andre Boudreau – Member
Comrade Don Stansbury – Member
Comrade Jane Scott - Secretary

Good day Comrades,

The Rituals, Awards and Protocol Committee met in March, April, and May. We also conducted a couple of electronic votes. We have received several submissions.

Over the past three months, unfortunately some submissions have been returned due to lack of information.

Some of the key reasons are:

- Application not fully completed.
- No payment included with submission
- Minutes are not sign or not move and second.
- Not enough information in the citation.
- The mayor awards check list is not being followed

With that in mind, I would ask the District Commanders to go to the Zones and relay this information back to the branches to ensure they follow the check list for the mayor awards.

With the help of NSNU Command Comrade President Don McCumber and some District Commanders we presented several branches with their 75th Anniversary Certificates.

I want to thank the committee for their time, dedication, and comradeship as we move forward by presenting the members with the awards. I would also like to thank Jane Scott for her hard work and dedication.

Respectfully Submitted

Harry Jackson / Chair

Ritual, Awards and Protocol:

Awarded from February 24, 2024 to May 15, 2024:

Life Memberships: 6

M.S.M: 4

Friendship: 3

M.S.A 1

Personnel Committee Report

May 25, 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 are running smoothly under the direction of the Executive Director, Craig Hood. Our newly hired Service Officer is in the office now and has settled into our Command staff team, also she has begun her Service Officer training from the Dominion Command Service Officer at the Command building. Many thanks to our existing staff Craig, Jane, Brenda, Lorena and Dana for all their support, guidance, dedication and assistance in the Command office to all of us and especially to all our Veterans. Any additions to this report will be given at the Executive Council meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

George DellaValle

Chairman/ 1st VP

Housing Accomodations of Care Facilities

Target	
Received	\$ 7,500
To Come	\$ (7,500)

Date	Branch #	Name		Notes
19-Mar-24	105	Ingonish	\$ 2,500	
	95	Bedford	\$ 5,000	Camp Hill

Medical

Target	\$ -
Received	\$ -
To Come	\$ -

Date	Branch #	Name	Hospital/Facility
		#N/A	

Medical Appliances

Target	
Received	\$ 34,275
To Come	\$ (34,275)

Date	Branch #	Name	Hospital/Facility/Veteran
1-Feb-24	31	Somme	\$ 589
	160	Centennial	\$ 20,000
	21	Port Royal	\$ 288
	21	Port Royal	\$ 400
	95	Bedford	\$ 9,100
	161	Eastern Marine	\$ 350
	74	Dr. C. B. Lumsden MM	\$ 2,400
	128	Whitney Pier	\$ 1,148
			Dartmouth General
			Veteran
			Soldier's Memorial
			Cobequid Health
			Branch AED
			Branch AED
			Branch AED batteries

Veteran Services Drop in Centre for Veterans

Target		
Received	\$	-
To Come	\$	-

Date	Branch #	Name
		#N/A

Senior Services

Target	\$	
Received	\$	2,500
To Come	\$	

Date	Branch #	Name		Note
	108	River John	\$ 500	Meals on wheels
	95	Bedford	\$ 2,000	Meals on wheels

Relief of Diasters Declared by Federal or Provincial Gov.

Target		
Received	\$	-
To Come	\$	-

Date	Branch #	Name
		#N/A

Monuments

Target	\$	-
Received	\$	4,000
To Come		

Date	Branch #	Name		Notes
10		Amherst	\$ 1,500	No.2 Construction Bn Amhers
10		Amherst	\$ 1,500	Kapyong Memorial
64		Tatamagouche	\$ 1,000	local cenotaph

Support of Cadet Units

Target		
Received	\$	20,780
To Come		

Date	Branch #	Name		
	31	Somme	\$	164
	26	Colchester	\$	6,000
	108	River John	\$	1,500
	67	Weymouth	\$	1,616
	21	Port Royal	\$	1,500
	95	Bedford	\$	5,000
	164	Caen	\$	1,000
	138	Ashby	\$	4,000

Biannual Veterans Visit

Target		
Received	\$	6,937
To Come		

Date	Branch #	Name		
	49	Mahone Bay	\$	1,560
	95	Bedford	\$	700
	128	Whitney Pier	\$	792
	128	Whitney Pier	\$	135
	79	New Ross	\$	1,750
	58	Courcelette	\$	2,000

Transportation

Target	\$	
Received	\$	-
To Come	\$	

Date	Branch #	Name
		#N/A

Accessibility Modifications

Target		
Received	\$	40,425
To Come		

Date	Branch #	Name		
4-Jan-24	31	Somme	\$	235
	31	Somme	\$	1,190
	67	Weymouth		
	74	Dr. C. B. Lumsden MM	\$	10,000
	106	Debert	\$	3,910
	142	Fairview	\$	3,000
	31	Somme	\$	304
	26	Colchester	\$	11,300
	23	Lunenburg	\$	6,500
	160	Centennial	\$	409
	160	Centennial	\$	1,740
	8	Breton	\$	1,838

Coin Sorting Machine/Storage rental:Wreaths/supplies

Target	
Received	\$ 950
To Come	

Date	Branch #	Name		Notes
19-Mar-24	21	Port Royal	\$ 350	rental storage:w coin sorting
	10	Amherst	\$ 600	

Transition Programs for Veterans: Benevolent Fund

Target	
Received	\$ 7,000
To Come	

Date	Branch #	Name	
19-Mar-24	95	Bedford	\$ 2,500
	133	Montgomery	\$ 2,000
	162	Calais	\$ 2,500

Transition Programs for Veterans: Veteran Outreach

Target	
Received	\$ 2,500
To Come	

Date	Branch #	Name	
	95	Bedford	\$ 2,500

Transition Programs for Veterans: Buddy Check Coffee

Target		
Received	\$	4,300
To Come		

Date	Branch #	Name		
19-Mar-24	31	Somme	\$	1,200
	10	Amherst	\$	600
	108	River John	\$	2,500

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Transition Programs for Veterans HMOTF

Target	\$	20,000
Received	\$	9,600
To Come	\$	10,400

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Date	Branch #	Name		
19-Mar-24	108	River John	\$	500
	160	Centennial	\$	2,000
	10	Amherst	\$	500
	32	Cheticamp	\$	500
	38	Mersey	\$	500
	67	Weymouth	\$	500
	95	Bedford	\$	2,500
	128	Whitney Pier	\$	1,000
	133	Montgomery	\$	100
	155	Wedgeport	\$	500
	132	Capt. Angus L. Macdonald	\$	500
	120	Four Harbours	\$	500

Transition Programs for Veterans: VFP Greenhouse

Target	\$	28,093
Received	\$	23,500
To Come	\$	4,593

Date	Branch #	Name		
1-Jan-24	31	Somme	\$	3,000
	67	Weymouth	\$	500
	69	Ortona	\$	2,000
	98	Alvin H. Foster MM	\$	1,000
	97	Malagash	\$	400
	6	Kings	\$	1,000
	38	Mersey	\$	500
	48	Elmsdale	\$	500
	58	Courcelette	\$	1,500
	72	Cobequid	\$	500
	78	Dominion	\$	500
	133	Montgomery	\$	100
	155	Wedgeport	\$	500
	10	Amherst	\$	500
	160	Centennial	\$	2,000
	49	Mahone Bay	\$	500
	33	Bridgetown	\$	1,000
	161	Eastern Marine	\$	500
	53	Victoria	\$	1,000
	12	Sydney	\$	1,000
	132	Capt. Angus L. Macdonald	\$	500
	138	Ashby	\$	1,000
	148	Cape Sable	\$	2,000
	120	Four Harbours	\$	500
164	Caen	\$	500	
128	Whitney Pier	\$	500	

Transition Programs for Veterans VFP General

Target	\$	5,000
Received	\$	500
To Come	\$	4,500

Date	Branch #	Name		
1-Jan-24	48	Elmsdale	\$	500

Transition Programs for Veterans-OVB

Target		
Received	\$	-
To Come	\$	-

Date	Branch #	Name
		#N/A

Operational Stress Injury Service Dogs				
			Target	ON HOLD
			Received	\$ 2,500
			To Come	ON HOLD
Date	Branch #	Name		
	161	Eastern Marine		\$ 2,500

Operational Stress Injury Social Support

Target	\$	10,000
Received	\$	-
To Come	\$	10,000

Date	Branch #	Name
		#N/A

Support to Resource Centres

Target	\$	-
Received	\$	2,000
To Come	\$	(2,000)

Date	Branch #	Name		Notes
	160	Centennial	\$ 2,000	Halifax MFRC

Support to Visiting Hospice Program

Target		
Received	\$	-
To Come	\$	-

Date	Branch #	Name
		#N/A

Custom Made Adaptable Sports Equipment & Recreational Gear

Target		
Received	\$	-
To Come	\$	-

Date	Branch #	Name
		#N/A

Clarence Dawe

Past President

P&R Committee Chair

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In keeping with his commitment to all branches in Nova Scotia and his commitment to all veterans Comrade President Don McCumber presented a brief to the standing committee on health care in Nova Scotia. President McCumber passionately spoke of the plight of our veterans who desperately need the promised beds to receive the care they need.

Veterans Outreach chair Comrade George Della-Valle and committee continue their fine work throughout the province with many programs for veterans and the interest in these activities continues to grow.

National Legion Week is designed to educate visitors on the good work the legion does in their community. It reinforces the important role branches play in our shared mission to serve and support veterans as well as contribute to the well being of so many communities.

This year, it can also include a salute to RCAF veterans who celebrated the 100th. Anniversary (April 1st.) of the RCAF. This year it kicks off on the third Sunday of September in honour of Battle of Briton day and wraps up the following Sunday, Sept. 15-Sept. 21- 2024. St. John NB

You are invited to the 80th. Anniversary of D-DAY and the battle of Normandy Monday, 27 May 2024 at Halifax Citadel National Historic Site 5425 Sackville Street Halifax NS .

The Federal Court has approved an agreement to resolve a certified class proceeding involving underpayment of certain disability pension benefits administered by VAC. The benefits were payable to members of the Canadian Armed Forces and their survivors including RCMP members between Jan.1st. 2003 and Dec. 2023.

The estimated value of the agreement is at least 435 million and up to 817 million depending on total claims.

For more information go to veteranspensionsettlement.kpmg.ca

The 2024 49th. Dominion Convention TD station

ST. John NB. 24-28 August 2024

A reminder Credential Certificates RE ABMO 33.

Congratulations to all winners for 2023 National Youth Remembrance contests.

Olivia Felker BR 073

Abby Burton BR 017

Matteo Mercer BR 048

Good luck to all competitors in the coming Legion National Track and Field in Calgary.

Go team Nova Scotia.

Don't forget to visit our new and improved Social Media Sites. WEBPAGE, Facebook and Instagram pages. Many thanks to Comrade Craig for taking this on.

Respectively yours, Tom Young Joanne Geddes, Craig Hood

Grand Parade Report

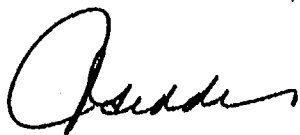
Committee Chair – Comrade Joanne Geddes
Past Chair – Comrade Glen Leduc
Member – Comrade Tom Young
Member – Comrade Dave Rhodenizer
Member – Comrade Paul Milsom
Member – Jane Scott

There was a change to the committee with the resignation of Comrade Bob Noakes as President White Ensign Branch 129. The newly appointed President, Comrade Paul Milsom is now added.

I also have asked Comrade Kathy Julien, Past President Somme Branch 31, if she would like to be on the committee again this year. Comrade Kathy was an invaluable member of the team last year when we relocated the Provincial Remembrance Ceremony to Sullivan's Pond and would be a welcome addition to the team. I also intend to invite Comrade Yvonne Leduc to join the committee; Comrade Yvonne saw the need for an information kiosk to be set up on site and she has volunteered to be the lead for at least the last two years, again an invaluable member of the team.

Preparations will soon be underway to start organizing and looking into firming plans up in the summer months. We will be looking into having the cenotaph cleaned, arrange for a smudging ceremony, reaching out to other veterans organizations to garner interest in forming a Veterans Colour Party carrying all 8 flags, looking into a youth choir to sing the anthems and confirming Cadet, piper, bugler and a youth to do a reading for the ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Geddes
Grand Parade Chair

Sport Report

May 25, 2024

All NS/NU Command Provincial member sport championships have been completed at this time and the winners now move on to their respective Dominion Nationals.

Cribbage Coordinator Murray Dawson:

On March 2nd, 2024, Colchester Branch 026 hosted the 2024 Provincial Cribbage Championships to determine a winner to attend the Dominion Championships.

Twenty-three Branches were entered. All teams were welcomed by Provincial Cribbage Chairman Murray Dawson and Branch 026 President Chris Donnachie. Presentations at the end of the afternoon were made by Provincial Cribbage Coordinator Murray Dawson.

The day went well with Comrades Beth Dawson, Marilyn O'Laney and Grant O'Laney doing an excellent job of keeping the scores straight and assisting the players. Volunteers from Branch #026, Tim Saxton and Murray MacCormack kept things moving by checking all membership cards and quickly verifying participants' high hands and organizing the 50/50. The Canteen and Bar were open serving burgers fries, onion rings, hot dogs, pop, chips etc.

The Branch realized good returns with income from the bar, 50/50 and canteen. A good time was had by all and the players added their appreciation for how well the tournament was run.

The Captains meeting was held at 12:00 noon. 2 Eligible Branches submitted letters requesting to host next year's tournament.

Branch 009 Windsor was drawn as Host Branch for 2025.

Branch 165 Uniacke and District was selected as an alternate.

The games were underway by 12:15. It was a smooth running afternoon in nearly all aspects of the tournament. I switched out the crib boards to a different style because of complaints I heard about the boards we normally use. This was a major mistake as the players were completely dissatisfied with the replacements. I heard the message loud and clear and am returning to the usual boards.

All games were completed and awards presented before 5:00 PM.

As always it was a pleasure to meet the participants from across the province and I commend each one for their participation and co-operation during the tournament and hope that they will spread the word for next year. It was nice to see a couple of new branches attend and I was especially pleased to see the return of the St. Peter's Branch after a few years' hiatus.

I wish to thank Branch 026 along with all the volunteers for hosting the tournament, manning the canteen, bar, high hand and 50/50. (Great Organization). They did an amazing job and it was really appreciated by the players.

Command Champions with a total of 58 points from Somme Branch 031 are Jack Whittle, Bill Gallagher, Vivian Cooper, and Cindy Elliot.

I would like to extend my thanks to Beth Dawson, Marilyn and Grant O'Laney for keeping the stats straight and all participants and volunteers from Branch 026.

Murray A. Dawson (NS/NU Command Cribbage)

8-Ball Coordinator: Edgar Dowell

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

Ten (10) teams competed for the Provincial Championships with play starting on March 22 (Friday night for closest teams) and also taking a full two days to complete.

The winning team with 53 points from Centennial Br# 160 is represented by Chris Marsh, Bruce Lilly, Harry O'Donnell, and Bob Massia.

Doubles winners from Centennial Br# 160 are Massia and Harry O'Donnell.

Singles winner from Centennial Br# 160 is Bob Massia.

Comrade Dowell thanked Mt.Uniacke Br# 165 for the hosting the event and all volunteers who helped make the tournament a success.

Darts Coordinator: Harry Jackson

The play for the 2024 NS/NU Command Provincial darts was hosted on March 09-10 at East Bay Br# 151.

The competition started off with 20 doubles teams competing. The 2024 doubles winners from MacDonald Memorial Br# 156 are Coady Burke & Jason Smith.

The singles play consisted of 21 players competing with the 2024 winner being Brian Cyr representing Westville Legion Br# 035.

The team play (4 person) took place on Sunday with 20 teams competing. The winners from Centennial Br# 160 are Paul LaQuant, Travis Turner, Jerry Myles & Rod Snow.

The **2024 National doubles winners** from MacDonald Memorial Br# 156 are Comrades Coady Burke & Jason Smith.

Coordinator Comrade Jackson thanked the host East Bay Br# 151 for a job well done and a thanks to all the volunteers.

Track / Field: Coordinator Robert Hoeg

On May 09/24 a T/F meeting was held at Command office to discuss and select the coaches & chaperones for Legion Nationals to be held in Calgary, Alberta.

The selection of date and location for the Legion trials is July 13-14, 2024 at the Beasley sport field in Dartmouth.

The Frank Deschenes Memorial golf tournament is scheduled for June 15/24 at the Amherst Golf Club.

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	Member/Secretary

The Veterans Outreach Programs of NS/NU Command are constantly evolving around our Veterans changing 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 snapshot of what is going on around the Command and how they are supporting our Veterans.

The committee had a meeting the first week of May and discussed the following current programs and look forward to new programs within NS/NU Command.

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 their 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.

It was discussed with the committee that we open our programs to include the families of the participants of the Veterans coffee break groups and Op Vet Build.

Heros Mending on the Fly

HMOTF is having a substantial growth to the program this year with 3 new locations to run the program in addition to HRM and the Valley. New locations are Wedgeport, Truro and Chetticamp. They are planning on hosting 8 participants in each location for a total of 40 veterans. This is only possible through the support we get from HMOTF National, NS/NU Command and many local Legions in NS. They have also included first aid training and mental health first aid training for the volunteers this past year. We feel this is important to properly equip our volunteers to lead the participants while always looking after their wellbeing. The HMOTF team was busy all winter with fly tying and are now at the stage where they started to do fly rod casting training which was conducted last weekend. This will lead up to the final stage which is to go fly fishing. If any member would like to see the progress HMOTF they could go to the Website for updates.

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,

Comrades, first I would like to thank you all for the support for this worthy cause. The New Green House is now build and seeds are planted in the newly built planting beds. all we need now is the weather to grow those delicious vegetables.

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. NS/NU Command have reached more than 60 Legions that hold a Veterans Coffee Break.

Op VetBuild

Is still going strong at most branches that participate in the program. I have talked to a few of the Legion host branches, and they are reporting great turn outs and that some will be shutting down for the summer months but will pick back up in the fall.

New Programs for the Future

At the Veterans Outreach committee meeting we discussed a few new programs which were forwarded to NS/NU Command for support; and the committee will be looking into these:

- > Emeritus Golf
- > Audeamus Service Dogs/ White Lake Service Dogs
- > NS Wildlife Carvers/Artists Assoc
- > The need to provide better support to women veterans and families.

Comrades, these are just a few of the programs which the Executive Director and the Veterans Outreach Committee will be looking into but require more information.

VETERANS SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK
REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MAY 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 as an addendum to my Feb. report was a letter dated 9 Feb 2024 regarding the new VSRB contract with Fenety Marketing, sent by email to Comrade McCumber, **to be discussed as business at the Feb E.C. meeting.** Through conversation with Comrade McCumber, I have been informed that the letter was presented to Council, discussed, and my proposal regarding the various contract options presented by Fenety, was duly accepted by motion!

My dilemma is as follows – I have no means at my disposal, other than through this report, to raise any “*errors or omissions*” to the minutes of 24 Feb 2024. The minutes simply state that the submitted VSRB report was referred to and carried (M-29).

There is no record in the minutes of the following:

- The letter of 9 Feb 2024, its contents or who presented it to Council
- Any discussion that took place regarding the VSRB contract options
- The motion that was presented regarding the acceptance of the specific option (#3) to the new contract.

I have sent a copy of this report to Chairman Young in hopes that he will address this issue before the Feb E.C. minutes are put to a motion for acceptance at the May E.C. meeting.

Comrades, this contract is a legal document between Fenety Marketing and NS/NUC and deserves, is required, to be documented in the official record of our Command.

The 2024 VSRB edition, our 20th, is presently being researched and compiled, and the deadline for submissions is the 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 MAY 2024

At the time of writing this report (May 14), the Command Trustees are waiting on the Command President to schedule a zoom meeting between the Trustees and the Sub-Executive to discuss the recent bequest (+\$332,000) to NS/NUC.

The annual inventory has been put on hold until after this meeting takes place.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Wessel, Trustee Chair