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

From: Comrade Carrie Hogan
Executive Director
NS/NU Command, RCL

Subject: NS/NU Command Executive Council Meeting
Minutes September 27, 2025

Message: Comrades: On behalf of NS/NU Command
Chairman Ron Langevin, please find attached
minutes of Executive Council Meeting – September
27, 2025

**The Royal Canadian Legion
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2025**

In Attendance:

George Della Valle	President
Harry Jackson	1st Vice President
Joanne Geddes	2 nd Vice President
Conrad Gilbert	Treasurer
Ron Langevin	Chairman
Don McCumber	Immediate Past President
Clarence Dawe	Commander District A
Lorne MacDonald	Commander District B
Arnold MacDonald	Commander District C
Ken Babcock	Commander District D
André Boudreau	Commander District E
Tom McCormack	Commander District F
Jarrold Selkirk	Commander District G
Carrie Hogan	Executive Director
Jane Scott	Recording Secretary

Present for Report:

Bethany Buffet	Command Service Officer
Leah Parker	Command Service Officer

Observers:

Jeremy Dobson	Deputy District C Commander
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NS/NU Command Chairman Ron Langevin called the meeting to order at approximately 8.20 am.

1. Opening Ritual

NS/NU Command 1st Vice President Harry Jackson conducted the Opening Ritual.

2. Land Acknowledgement

NS/NU Command Chairman Ron Langevin acknowledged the land.

3. Call for Additions to and to Vary from the Agenda

M-1

Moved by Comrade George Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Clarence Dawe.

To vary from and for additions to the agenda when required.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

4. Installation of District C Commander Arnold MacDonald

NS/NU Command President George Della Valle called upon Sergeant-at-Arms Comrade Jeremy Dobson to present the newly appointed Comrade Arnold MacDonald for installation as District C Commander. NS/NU Command President George Della-Valle installed Comrade Arnold MacDonald to the position of NS/NU Command District C Commander.

5. Service Bureau Report

NS/NU Command Service Officers Bethany Buffet and Leah Parker introduced themselves.

NS/NU Command Service Officer Bethany Buffet referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-2

Moved by Comrade Clarence Dawe, seconded by Comrade André Boudreau.

That the Service Officer Report be accepted.

13 Affirmative

0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

6. Minutes of Executive Council Meetings

NS/NU Command Chairman Ron Langevin called for errors and omissions from the minutes of the Executive Council Meeting of May 17, 2025.

NS/NU Command Executive Director Carrie Hogan advised the meeting that under Item 6. the list of awards that was referred to was not included. She will distribute the list.

M-3

Moved by Comrade Clarence Dawe seconded by André Boudreau.

That the minutes of the Executive Council meeting of May 17, 2025 be adopted as distributed.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Immediate Past President Don McCumber questioned the decision regarding a potential speaker at the NS/NU Command Convention. NS/NU Command President George Della Valle agreed with the final decision.

NS/NU Command Chairman Ron Langevin called for errors and omissions from the minutes of the Executive Council Meeting of May 20, 2025.

There were no errors or omissions.

M-4

Moved by Comrade André Boudreau, seconded by Comrade Clarence Dawe.

That the minutes of the Executive Council meeting of May 20, 2025 be adopted as distributed.

13 Affirmative

0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

There was no business arising from the minutes of the May 20, 2025 Executive Council meeting.

The meeting recessed at 8.38 am.

The meeting resumed at 8.49am.

7. Ratification of NS/NU Command Committees

NS/NU Command President George Della Valle referred the meeting to the NS/NU Command Committee list.

M-5

Moved by Comrade George Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Jarrod Selkirk.

That the NS/NU Command Committee list be ratified.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

8. President's Remarks and Report.

NS/NU Command President George Della Valle thanked everyone for their support. He added that an Article III Training package is in progress and he hopes to have it rolled out to Branches in the New Year.

M-6

Moved by Comrade George Della Valle, seconded by Comrade André Boudreau.

That the President's Report be accepted.

13 Affirmative

0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

9. Finance Report

NS/NU Command Finance Chair Harry Jackson informed the meeting that Microsoft is no longer providing free accounts for not-for-profit organizations. He therefore made the recommendation that as of February 2026 NS/NU Command pays \$846.23 to continue with the Microsoft licenses.

M-7

Moved by Comrade Harry Jackson, seconded by Comrade Lorne MacDonald.

That the recommendation for NS/NU Command to pay \$846.23 in February 2026 in order to continue with the Microsoft licenses be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Finance Committee Chair referred the meeting the submitted report and August 2025 Financial statement.

M-8

Moved by Comrade Harry Jackson, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock.

That the year to date, as of August 2025 financial report, be adopted as circulated.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

10. Building Report

NS/NU Command Building Committee Chair Harry Jackson referred the meeting to the submitted report. He added that 2 rooms at NS/NU Command will be getting painted and that they are looking into installing an overhead projector in the boardroom.

M-9

Moved by Comrade Harry Jackson, seconded by Comrade Clarence Dawe.

That the Building Report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command President George Della Valle added that the outdoor lighting at the Command office is not working. NS/NU Command Executive Director Carrie Hogan has followed up with the lighting contact that carried out the recent upgrades to the lighting. She will reach out to them again.

11. Treasurer's Report

NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert referred the meeting to his submitted report. He added that good progress has been made on the submittal of Branch Financial Reports and commended District A and District B. There are 5 Branches within the Command that are 4 or more months overdue.

NS/NU Command President George Della Valle suggested that it could be added to NS/NU Command Policy that; in the case that Branches are not up to date with their Branch Financial Report submittal, they will not be eligible to apply for The Legion Capital Assistance Program. NS/NU Command Constitution and Law Chair Harry Jackson recommended that this be added to the agenda for the next NS/NU Command Constitution and Law Committee Meeting.

M-10

Moved by Comrade Gilbert, seconded by Comrade MacDonald

That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

12. Correspondence

NS/NU Command Executive Director Carrie Hogan informed the meeting that in accordance with bylaw all correspondence has been dealt with in the day-to-day business of NS/NU Command.

In addition she shared 4 pieces of correspondence:

- A thank you card from Bill Chafe Chairman of National Legion Headquarters for the hospitality received at the NS/NU Command Convention.
- A thank you card directed to NS/NU Command Bursary and Scholarship Chair Clarence Dawe for the Elsie-Jean Lambert Scholarship award.
- An update from Tracey Williams from the new non-profit organization; Balanced Living on the Veterans' Village planned for Lake Echo. They value the Legion's role as a partner and are planning to start tenant intake in April 2027.
- A change to The Poppy Manual that has not yet been circulated but will be updated in the Fall at the DEC meeting. Special Use Applications for Quilts for Valor under the section for Transition and Support Programs for Veterans will now be accepted.

13. Executive Director's Report

NS/NU Command Executive Director Carrie Hogan referred the meeting to her submitted report.

She added that she was invited to attend an information session with the NS RCMP Veterans Association.

They have received a four-year grant to identify and support RCMP Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The goal of this session was to unite like-minded organizations and to bring together additional resources, expertise and compassionate partners that may encounter these Veterans.

This initiative is part of the RCMP Veterans' Homelessness Program, funded by a \$440,000 grant from Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada. It aims to provide essential counseling, financial assistance, and rent supplements to eligible RCMP Veterans.

Additionally, the Veteran Homelessness Program **offers** wraparound services **such as** housing set-up (ie. furniture, painting, clean-up), substance abuse treatment, mental health support and other medical services.

She received a contact email for Vic and Jan Gorman, Co-Directors of the Support & Advocacy Committee at NS RCMP Veterans' Association, to assist retired RCMP Veterans who reach out to us for help.

An application, similar to other government programs and agencies, is required for assistance with the Veterans' Homelessness Program.

She also was invited to join the Veterans Housing Insecurity Collective (VHIC) and attended her first meeting on June 11, 2025.

VHIC is a stakeholder table in Nova Scotia focused on exploring, understanding, resolving and preventing housing insecurities for Veterans.

Its basically a think tank and action table to try to come up with ideas to assist with Veteran homelessness. There are currently approximately 45 known homeless Veterans in Nova Scotia, 9 of those are in Cape Breton.

The committee consists of VAC Case Managers and staff, Landing Strong, Vets Canada, Medical personal working with Veterans through VAC and NSNU Command Executive Director Carrie Hogan representing NS/NU Command.

She relayed that it is certainly a great idea to have like minded individuals from these organizations to come up with ways to reduce Veteran homelessness in our province.

She provided information to VHIC regarding Balanced Living's initiative to build Veterans Village. Projects like these will certainly be beneficials to our province.

She looks forward to future collaboration with this group.

M-11

Moved by Comrade Ken Babcock, seconded by Comrade Selkirk

That the Executive Director’s Report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

14. Electronic Voting

NS/NU Command Executive Director Carrie Hogan referred the meeting to the list circulated:

Electronic Vote January – August 2025

Feb 26	Branch 49 name change	Carried
Mar 10	Accommodation Rate remain at \$200	Carried
Apr 8	MSM	Carried
May 6	EJL GIC reinvestment	Carried
June 26	Grand Parade Budget increase to \$5000	Carried
July 30	Moneris POS system installation	Carried
Aug 26	Reinvestment \$330,000 GIC	Carried

M-12

Moved by Comrade Harry Jackson, seconded by Comrade Tom McCormack

That the electronic votes be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

15. 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. He added that some businesses in District B have stated that they will not be buying wreaths and crosses unless there is a change in the quality. He has directed this to NS/NU Command Executive Director Carrie Hogan.

District C

The newly appointed District C Commander Arnold MacDonald introduced himself. He will be visiting each Branch in his District along with his Deputy Commander.

District D

NS/NU Command District D Commander Ken Babcock referred the meeting to the submitted report. He added that the Zone 11 Commander has resigned.

District E

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

District F

NS/NU Command Acting District F Commander Tom McCormack referred the meeting to the submitted report.

District G

NS/NU Command Chairman referred the meeting the submitted report.

M-12

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade Babcock.

That the submitted District Reports be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

16. Committee Reports

Alcohol and Gaming

NS/NU Command Committee Chair Ken Babcock referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-13

Moved by Comrade Lorne MacDonald, seconded by Comrade André Boudreau.

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Appeals Committee

NS/NU Command Appeals Committee Chair Don McCumber referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-14

Moved by Comrade Ken Babcock, seconded by Comrade André Boudreau.

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That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Benevolent Fund

NS/NU Command Benevolent Fund Committee Chair Don McCumber referred the meeting to the submitted report. He thanked NS/NU Command Executive Director Carrie Hogan for her assistance. He referred the meeting to ABMO #51 encouraging Branches to donate to the NS/NU Command Benevolent Fund.

M-15

Moved by Comrade André Boudreau, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock.

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Cadet Medal of Excellence

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

M-16

Moved by Comrade André Boudreau, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock.

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Immediate Past President Don McCumber assumes the Chair

Complaints

NS/NU Command Complaints Committee Chair Ron Langevin referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-17

Moved by Comrade Ron Langevin seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Comrade Langevin assumes the Chair.

Constitution and Bylaws

NS/NU Command Constitution and Law Committee Chairman Harry Jackson referred the meeting to the submitted report.

He referred the meeting to the submitted amendment to the NS/NU Command Constitution and Law Committee Terms of Reference in the NS/NU Command Policy Book.

M-18

Moved by Comrade Harry Jackson seconded by Comrade André Boudreau.

That the submitted amendment to the Constitution and Law Committee Terms of Reference be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed

Motion Carried

He referred the meeting to the proposed amendments to form 08-100 Notice of Amendment to Branch Policy Book.

M-19

Moved by Comrade Harry Jackson, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock

That the proposed amendments to form 08-100 Notice of Amendment to Branch Policy Book be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

He referred the meeting to the proposed form 08-104 Branch Amendment Form – Annex A.

M-20

Moved by Comrade Harry Jackson, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock.

That the proposed form 08-104 Branch Amendment Form- Annex A be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

He proposed that the Bylaws and Amendments/Changes Form currently under the NS/NU Command Constitution and Law Terms of Reference in the NS/NU Command Policy Book be removed as it is no longer relevant.

M-21

Moved by Comrade Harry Jackson, seconded by Comrade Lorne Macdonald.

That the Bylaws and Amendments/Changes Form be removed from the NS/NU Command Policy Book.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

He added that an ABMO will be sent out outlining all of the new forms and changes pertaining to submittal of amendments to Annex A's and Branch Policy.

M-22

Moved by Comrade Harry Jackson, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock.

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Poppy and Remembrance Chair André Boudreau asked if there was a way to introduce a consequence to Branches for late submittal of Poppy Trust Fund Reports. NS/NU Command Constitution and Law Committee Chair Harry Jackson asked that the request please be emailed to him so that it could be addressed by the Constitution and Law Committee.

Ritual, Awards and Protocol

NS/NU Command Ritual, Awards and Protocol Chair Joanne Geddes referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-23

Moved by Comrade Joanne Geddes, seconded by Comrade André Boudreau.

That the submitted Ritual, Awards and Protocol Committee Report be accepted.

13 Affirmative

0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Immediate Past President Don McCumber assumes the Chair

Leadership Development

NS/NU Command Chairman Ron Langevin referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-24

Moved by Comrade Ron Langevin, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock.

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Legion Magazine

NS/NU Command Chairman Ron Langevin referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-25

Moved by Comrade Ron Langevin, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Membership Committee

NS/NU Command Membership Chair Lorne MacDonald referred the meeting to the submitted report. He added that the Dominion Membership meeting will be taking place on October 1st.

NS/NU Command 1st Vice President Harry Jackson enquired as to if there would be centenary Life Membership stickers for 2026 membership as he has not seen anything for Life Members. Comrade Lorne MacDonald will enquire.

M-26

Moved by Comrade MacDonald, seconded by Comrade Babcock

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 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 Harry Jackson referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-27

Moved by Comrade Harry Jackson, seconded by Comrade Della Valle.

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

10.15 am meeting recessed

10.27 am meeting reconvened

Poppy and Remembrance

NS/NU Command Poppy and Remembrance Chair André Boudreau referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-28

Moved by Comrade André Boudreau, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock.

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Immediate Past President Don McCumber assumes the Chair.

Public Relations

NS/NU Command Public Relations Committee Chair Ron Langevin referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-29

Moved by Comrade Ron Langevin, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock.

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Chairman Ron Langevin assumes the Chair

Grand Parade

NS/NU Command Grand Parade Committee Chair Joanne Geddes referred the meeting to the submitted report.

NS/NU Command Grand Parade Chair Joanne Geddes emphasized that the approved funding to assist with the Colour Party is for assistance with travel expenses.

M-30

Moved by Comrade Joanne Geddes, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock.

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Resolutions

NS/NU Command Resolutions Committee Chair Conrad Gilbert informed the meeting that there was nothing to report at this time.

Sports

NS/NU Command Sports Committee Chair Harry Jackson referred the meeting to the submitted report

NS/NU Command Immediate Past President Don McCumber enquired if we could get more coverage in Nova Scotia of the event. NS/NU Command Sports Chair Harry Jackson informed the meeting that the event is livestreamed and that he would look into local coverage but it would need to be affiliated with the Province where the event was being hosted.

M-31

Moved by Comrade Harry Jackson, seconded by Comrade Clarence Dawe

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention

0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Immediate Past President Don McCumber assumes the Chair

Trustee's Report

NS/NU Command Chair Ron Langevin referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-32

Moved by Comrade Ron Langevin, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock.

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

M-33

Veterans' Outreach

NS/NU Command Chair Ron Langevin referred the meeting to the submitted report.

NS/NU Command Executive Director Carrie Hogan added that all committee District Representatives will be attending their respective District meetings to ensure that all Districts are aware of the nature of Veterans' Outreach.

She informed the meeting that NS/NU Command Veteran Outreach Committee Chair Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte and herself met with Mike Gingell of Paws Fur Thought to receive an update on the program's current status. He outlined that in 2024 they had 7 veterans that were paired with service dogs. In 2025 4 veterans were paired with service dogs, there are 2 more veterans that will be paired with service dogs in October. There are approximately 12 veterans mostly from Nova Scotia on the current waitlist so they have suspended applications until additional funding is secured. Mike provided a comprehensive overview of the entire process. He outlined that Paws Fur Thought has been officially recognized by Wounded Warriors Canada as a designated service dog provider under its national program.

As a federally regulated charitable organization Wounded Warriors Canada oversees all financial operations related to Paws Fur Thought including the processing of donations. The partnership enables the Paws Fur Thought team to dedicate their efforts to the vetting, pairing, care and ongoing support of service dog placements to veterans. He confirmed that donations received from NS/NU Command Branches are specifically allocated to pair veterans within Nova Scotia with service dogs.

M-34

Moved by Comrade Ron Langevin, seconded by Comrade André Boudreau

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Immediate Past President Don McCumber assumes the Chair

Veterans Service Recognition Book

NS/NU Command Chairman Ron Langevin referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-35

Moved by Comrade Ron Langevin, seconded by Comrade Clarence Dawe.

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Veterans' Services and Seniors

NS/NU Command Chairman Ron Langevin referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-36

Moved by Comrade Ron Langevin, seconded by Ken Babcock

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Centenary (Ad Hoc)

NS/NU Command Centenary Ad Hoc Committee Chair Ron Langevin referred the meeting to the submitted report.

Moved by Comrade Ron Langevin, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock.

That the submitted report be accepted.

M-37

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Branch Guidance (Ad Hoc)

NS/NU Command Chair Ron Langevin referred the meeting to the submitted report.

M-38

Moved by Comrade Ron Langevin, seconded by Comrade André Boudreau that the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed

Motion Carried

Equality Diversity Inclusion

M-39

NS/NU Command Chair Ron Langevin referred the meeting to the submitted report.

Moved by Comrade Ron Langevin, seconded by Comrade Clarence Dawe that the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Chairman Ron Langevin assumes the Chair

Veteran Long-Term Care Beds (Ad Hoc)

NS/NU Command Long-Term Care Ad Hoc Committee Chair Don McCumber referred the committee to the submitted report. He added that there was a good turn out of Legionnaires at both the ombud meeting in Wolfville and in Sydney.

M-40

Moved by Comrade Don McCumber, seconded by Comrade André Boudreau.

That the submitted report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Immediate Past President Don McCumber assumes the Chair.

Centenary

M-41

Moved by Comrade Ron Langevin, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock

That it be recommended that, subject to approval of the NS/NU Command Finance Committee, \$20,000 be assigned in the 2026 budget to the centenary celebrations in Nova Scotia.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

NS/NU Command Finance Committee Chair Harry Jackson requested that when the request is submitted that a written submission be provided on how the \$20,000 is to be allocated. NS/NU Command Centenary Committee Chair Ron Langevin agreed to this request.

NS/NU Command Centenary Committee Chair Ron Langevin added that he had a meeting with the Nova Scotia Tattoo to discuss them wishing to partner with the Legion either at the provincial or national level. Their proposal is to work on a 5-8 minute musical production highlighting 100 years of The Royal Canadian Legion during which time there would be a colour party with as many Legionnaires as possible. They are putting together a demonstration video. They have also offered the opportunity to participate in different promotional events throughout the year through their multi media system. The partnership would cost \$15,000 but if we could ask National Command to share the cost.

M-42

Moved by Comrade Ron Langevin, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock.

That the NS/NU Command Finance Committee earmark \$15,000 for partnership with the Nova Scotia Tattoo and Nova Scotia Command/Dominion Command in 2026.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

17. Scheduled Business

Board of Management Report

N/S NU Command Board of Management Chair Ron Langevin provided a detailed report on a Branch within NS/NU Command.

M-43

Moved by Comrade Ron Langevin, seconded by Comrade Ken Babcock.

That the Board of Management report be accepted.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

11.32 pm recessed for lunch

Command Travel Expenses

NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert informed the meeting that the current allowance for lodging pertaining to Article 814 A of the NS/NU Command Bylaws is \$200 plus fees and taxes. This is not currently enough to cover expenses at hotels close to NS/NU Command. He therefore recommended that within reason lodging expenses exceeding this amount with the signature of the NS/NU Command President.

M-44

Moved by Comrade Conrad Gilbert, seconded by Comrade Lorne MacDonald.

That as of immediate effect with the permission of the NS/NU Command President the \$200 lodging allowance can be exceeded within reason and that the Constitution and Law Committee be asked to amend the required Bylaw/Policy to reflect this requirement.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention

0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Placement Mounting and Wearing of Medals

NS/NU Command District E Commander André Boudreau informed the meeting of the importance of mounting medals and following the Order of Precedence. The Royal Canadian Legion follows the Canadian Armed Forces standards for wearing medals. The proper sequence for wearing medals can be found in the Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual. He suggested that an ABMO sent out from NS/NU Command Ritual, Awards and Protocol Chair informing members on where to find this information.

Special Use of Poppy Funds

NS/NU Command Poppy and Remembrance Chair André Boudreau encouraged Branches to look to donating to the NS/NU Command Benevolent Fund and to the other approved Veteran Programs as these donations go directly to assist veterans. He will work with NS/NU Command Executive Director Carrie Hogan to compile an ABMO listing the approved programs.

NS/NU Command President George Della Valle asked that District Commanders please remind their Branches that the 10 percent assessment on the balance of poppy funds as of September 30th goes directly to funding the NS/NU Command Veteran Service Bureau.

Other Business

Branch Service Officers

NS/NU Command Executive Director Carrie Hogan informed the meeting that there have been several security breaches within our Command of Branch Service Officers overstepping their duties. Branch Service Officers are to refer to the Branch Service Officer Manual for guidance which can be downloaded from the Legion website. Within the manual it clearly outlines that Branch Service Officers are to act as referral agents to Command Service Officers and are not to submit forms directly to VAC.

Branch Service Officers are to assist the veteran in completing The Royal Canadian Legion Claim Form and to take a copy of their ID and to submit that to a Command Service Officer.

She added that the Branch Service Officer Manual is currently being updated and once the updated edition is available she will be following up with District Commanders to ensure that the manual has been made available to all Branch Service Officers and they will be asked to sign that they have received and understood the information provided.

Award Presentation

NS/NU Command President George Della Valle presented Immediate Past President Don McCumber with the President's Medal and Pin and with the Meritorious Service Award. He was also presented with a Legion Jacket in appreciation of his work as President.

NS/NU Command President George Della Valle put forward a proposal to get some NS/NU Command centenary year blue polo shirts produced by the same contact that was used for the shirts made for Branch 138 Ashby.

M-45

Moved by Comrade George Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Clarence Dawe.

That he move ahead with the proposal to get some polos shirts to commemorate the centenary year for Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

18. President's Closing Remarks

NS/NU Command President George Della Valle thanked everyone for their commitment to NS/NU Command.

19. Next Meeting

The next Executive Council Meeting will be held on February 28, 2026 at 8.30 am via Zoom.

20. Motion For Adjournment

M-46

Moved by Comrade Clarence Dawe, seconded by Comrade André Boudreau

That the meeting be adjourned at approximately 1.02 pm.

13 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

21. Closing Ritual

The Closing Ritual was conducted by NS/NU Command 2nd Vice President Joanne Geddes.



George Della Valle
President
Nova Scotia Nunavut Command
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Carrie Hogan
Executive Director
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- 1. OPENING RITUAL** 1st VP Harry Jackson
- 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** Chairman Ron Langevin
- 3. PROCEDURES** Chairman Ron Langevin
- 4. SERVICE BUREAU REPORT** Service Officer Bethany Buffet
- 5. MINUTES**
Executive Council Meeting Minutes May 17 and 20, 2025
- 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
- 7. RATIFICATION OF COMMAND COMMITTEES** President George Della Valle
- 8. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AND REPORT** President George Della Valle
- 9. FINANCE & BUILDING REPORT** Chairman Harry Jackson
- 10. TREASURER'S REPORT** Treasurer Conrad Gilbert
- 11. CORRESPONDENCE** E.D. Carrie Hogan
- 12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** E.D. Carrie Hogan
- 13. ELECTRONIC VOTING** E.D. Carrie Hogan
- 14. DISTRICT REPORTS**
 - A** Commander Clarence Dawe
 - B** Comrade Lorne MacDonald
 - D** Commander Ken Babcock
 - E** Commander André Boudreau
 - F** Commander Tom McCormack
 - G** Commander Jarrod Selkirk

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alcohol and Gaming	Committee Chair Ken Babcock
Appeals	Committee Chair Don McCumber
Benevolent Fund	Committee Chair Don McCumber
Cadet Medal of Excellence	Committee Chair André Boudreau
Complaints	Committee Chair Ron Langevin
Constitution & Bylaws	Committee Chair Harry Jackson
Ritual, Awards & Protocol	Committee Chair Joanne Geddes
Leadership/Development	Committee Chair Glen Leduc
Legion Magazine	Committee Chair Mary Phillips
Membership	Committee Chair Lorne MacDonald
Personnel	Committee Chair Harry Jackson
Poppy and Remembrance	Committee Chair André Boudreau
Public Relations	Committee Chair Ron Langevin
Grand Parade	Committee Chair Joanne Geddes
Resolutions	Committee Chair Conrad Gilbert
Sports	Committee Chair Harry Jackson
Trustees	Committee Chair Mel Crowe
Veterans Outreach	Committee Chair Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte
Veterans Service	
Recognition Book	Comrade Steve Wessel
Veterans Services & Seniors	Comrade John Langley
Centenary	Committee Chair Ron Langevin
Branch Guidance	Committee Chair Marion Fryday-Cook
EDI NS/NU Rep	Comrade John Langley
Long-Term Care	Comrade Don McCumber

16. SCHEDULED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Installation District C Commander	President George Della Valle
Vimy Branch 27 Update	BOM Chairman Ron Langevin
Command Travel Expenses	Treasurer Conrad Gilbert
Placement, mounting & wearing of medals	District E Commander André Boudreau
Special Use of Poppy Funds	P & R Chairman André Boudreau

17. OTHER BUSINESS

18. PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS President George Della Valle

19. DATE/TIME/MEDIUM NEXT E.C. MEETING Chairman Ron Langevin

20. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

21. CLOSING RITUAL 2nd VP Joanne Geddes

**Command Service Bureau Report
Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command**

The Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Service Bureau provides dedicated support to our Veterans through assistance with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) disability benefit applications, reviews and appeals.

2025 Update:

- We have 450 active VAC files that were processed and transferred to Ottawa for claims support.
- These files are presently with the Dominion Service Officers in Ottawa, who have been assisting us during the transition period.
- As of the end of August, I have completed my full training and will now be taking over the direct handling of new files moving forward.

Since joining the Command on April 1, 2025, I've had the privilege of learning extensively about the important work we do. While I awaited the completion of my training and my security clearance approval, our files were overseen with great care by Dominion Command. We are sincerely grateful for their invaluable support during this time.

I attended the Command Service Officer training in Ottawa from June 16–20, 2025, and was fortunate to receive the final phase of my training on the CSDN system here at the NS/NU Command Office from August 18–22, 2025, delivered by Carolyn Hughes, Director of Veterans Services at Dominion Command. Her guidance and mentorship have been instrumental in preparing me for this role.

On behalf of the Command Service Bureau, I would like to express heartfelt thanks to all Branch Service Officers, Branch Executives, and members for their ongoing commitment to supporting our Veterans. I would also like to extend sincere appreciation to the Command Executive for their continued support. The success of the Command Service Bureau depends on the collaboration and dedication of each of you. Thank you for all that you do.

**Bethany Buffett
Command Service Officer
Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command**

**The Royal Canadian Legion
Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2025**

In Attendance:

George Della Valle	Acting President
Harry Jackson	2 nd 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
Ken Babcock	Acting Commander District D
André Boudreau	Commander District E
Joanne Geddes	Commander District F
Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte	Executive Director
Carrie Hogan	Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Don McCumber	President
Jarrold Selkirk	Commander District G

Present To Bring Greetings:

Bill Chafe	Dominion Executive Council Chair
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NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00am.

1. Opening Ritual

NS/NU Command Acting President George Della Valle conducted the Opening Ritual.

2. President's Remarks

Acting NS/NU Command President George Della Valle welcomed all to Convention. He expressed that there were a lot of emotions over this Convention, especially with the poor health and absence of President McCumber. Comrade George said that he was in contact with Comrade Don multiple times a day and we would get through Convention and make him proud. He wished good luck to all the candidates with their elections.

3. Appointments:

NS/NU Command Acting President George Della Valle proposed the following appointments for the 2025-2027 term:

Grand President	Ron Trowsdale
Honourary President	Clarence Dawe
Chaplain	Steven Cochrane

M – 1

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade McRury

That the proposed appointments be ratified.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

4. Introduction

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young introduced Dominion Executive Council Chairman Bill Chafe who stated it was an honour and privilege to be here. Comrade Chafe said he was born and raised in Dartmouth and visits every two years. He acknowledged that it was devastating to have our President absent but was sure that the leadership in the room would make sure the Convention went off without a hitch. He was looking forward to speaking with us all throughout the weekend.

5. Correspondence

NS/NU Command Chairman Young read a message from NS/NU Command Past President Steve Wessel sending his regrets as it would be the first NS/NU Command Convention that he would miss in over 30 years. Comrade Wessel extended best wishes for deliberations and congratulations to the newly elected Command Officers. Comrade Wessel also extended congratulations to Comrade Clarence Dawe, who as our Command President, participated in the Consecration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa on May 28, 2000, 25 years ago.

6. Honours and Awards

NS/NU Command 2nd Vice President Harry Jackson, assisted by DEC Chairman Bill Chafe presented the following awards:

Dominion Executive Council Chairman Bill Chafe left the meeting.

7. Late Resolutions

NS/NU Command Resolutions Committee Chairman Conrad Gilbert advised the meeting of two resolutions referred to Constitution and Law Committee returned to Executive Council for decision.

Resolutions Committee proposed concurrence of Resolution 25/005.

M – 2

Moved by Comrade Gilbert, seconded by Comrade Jackson

That Executive Council accept the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee of concurrence with the resolution.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Resolutions Committee proposed non-concurrence with Resolution 25/006.

M – 3

Move by Comrade Gilbert, seconded by Comrade Dawe

That Executive Council accept the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee of non-concurrence with the resolution.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

8. Veteran Ombudsman Town Hall Meetings

The meeting was reminded that The Veteran Ombudsman Town Hall Meetings have been pushed ahead to September. ABMO will be circulated. Executive Council was asked to encourage Branches to attend.

9. Balanced Living Project

With reference to information circulated in advance of the meeting, a proposed development for the Lake Echo area to build a complex for Veteran Housing was discussed. It was noted that the project is backed by a not-for-profit organization and will make allowances for affordability for Veterans. It has yet to be determined what the application process will look like. The project seeks a letter of support in principle from NS/NU Command.

M – 4

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Dawe

That Executive Director provide a letter of support under the President’s signature, to Balanced Living in support of the proposed project.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

10. Trained Complaint Committees

Executive Director Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte suggested that a standing complaints committee be established and trained by Command to operate in every Zone to deal with complaints at Branch level.

M – 5

Moved by Comrade Della Valle, seconded by Comrade Hoeg

That NS/NU Command establish in the new term a Complaints Committee in each Zone trained by NS/NU Command.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

11. Review of Convention Agenda

NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young called for questions on the Convention agenda.

THE MEETING MOVED TO IN CAMERA

12. Other Business

Vimy Branch 27

NS/NU Command Past President Marion Fryday-Cook joined the meeting.

NS/NU Command District F Comrade Joanne Geddes gave an extensive overview of her findings having completed investigation of Vimy Branch.

Comrade Marion Fryday-Cook gave a detailed report of the Vimy Mentorship Team she chaired from 2021 until 2023. This was the third mentorship that had been set up at Vimy Branch. Her conclusion was that Vimy is basically running as a bar that occasionally do Veteran related activities. After the mentorship ended, Vimy Branch returned to their previous habits. During the mentorship, they were informed that this was their final opportunity to improve their Branch's performance, as it was at risk of losing its Charter.

Immediate Past President Donna McRury spoke of the difficulties she had during her time as President with Vimy Branch and agreed that nothing had improved since.

With the Executive Council well informed of the events and investigations by external sources, Comrade Joanne Geddes recommended that a Board of Management be put in place to take control of Vimy Branch as soon as possible.

M – 6

Moved by Comrade Geddes, seconded by Comrade McRury

That Command place a Board of Management at Vimy Branch 27 as soon as possible

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Clarence Dawe – Question on presentation on Bullying / Harassment

Comrade Dawe said that Comrade John Leyte was asked to do a presentation on bullying and harassment. Comrade Dawe questioned who asked him to do the presentation. Executive Director Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte informed the Executive Council that Comrade John Leyte requested to do a presentation at the training sessions for Convention and that Command declined the offer.

PEI Command Convention

An invitation for NS/NU Command President was received from PEI Command to attend their 67th Biennial Convention May 23 – 24, 2025.

M – 7

Moved by Comrade MacDonald, seconded by Comrade Hoeg

That Comrade Della Valle attend the PEI Command Convention.

11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Peacekeepers Award

Comrade Della Valle referenced an ABMO from several months ago regarding the Nova Scotia Government awarding Certificates of Recognition to Nova Scotian Peacekeepers who served during the period of 1947 to 1988. After speaking with the Kyle Graham, Military Relations, it was agreed to award these Certificates of Recognition to Nova Scotian Peacekeepers who served beyond 1988.

13. Adjournment

M – 8

Moved by Comrade Dawe

That the meeting be adjourned at approximately 10:45am.

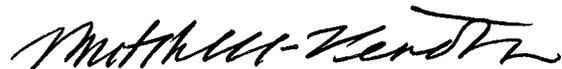
11 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

14. Closing Ritual

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



George Della Valle
Acting President
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion



Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte
Executive Director
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion

**The Royal Canadian Legion
Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025**

In Attendance:

George Della Valle	President
Harry Jackson	1 st Vice President
Joanne Geddes	2 nd Vice President
Conrad Gilbert	Treasurer
Ron Langevin	Chairman
Clarence Dawe	Commander District A
Ken Babcock	Commander District D
André Boudreau	Commander District E
Tom McCormack	Commander District F
Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte	Executive Director
Carrie Hogan	Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Don McCumber	Immediate Past President
Jarrold Selkirk	Commander District G
Lorne MacDonald	Commander District B

NS/NU Command Chairman Ron Langevin called the meeting to order at approximately 9:45am.

1. Opening Ritual

NS/NU Command 1st Vice President Harry Jackson conducted the Opening Ritual.

2. Welcome

NS/NU Command Chair Ron Langevin welcomed all to the meeting and stated he looks forward to working with the Executive Council.

3. Agenda/Procedures

NS/NU Command Chairman Ron Langevin advised regular procedures would be followed in accordance with the agenda. Comrade Dawe asked that signage be added under New Business.

M – 1

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade Jackson

That the agenda be accepted with the addition of signage under new business.

9 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

4. Presidents Remarks

NS/NU Command President George Della Valle congratulated the Executive Council on their elected positions, thanked Comrade Valerie for all her hard work over the last few months and thanked the Executive Council for the opportunity to serve as President and for their upcoming support over the next two years.

5. Appointment (Interim)

NS/NU Command President George Della Valle announced the following interim appointments to be ratified by Executive Council at the September meeting.

ALCOHOL AND GAMING

Ken Babcock - Chairman
Lorne MacDonald - Member
Tom McCormack - Member
Executive Director - Secretary

APPEALS

Don McCumber - Chairman
Joanne Geddes - Member
Jarrod Selkirk - Member
Executive Director - Secretary

BENEVOLENT FUND

Don McCumber - Chairman
Executive Director - Chairman
Command Service Officer - Secretary

BURSARY/SCHOLARSHIP

Clarence Dawe - Chairman
Executive Director - Member
Clerk - Secretary

CADET MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

André Boudreau - Chairman
Tom McCormack - Member
Ron Langevin - Member
Lt (N) Itv Kendall McCann, CD (Atlantic Representative)
Clerk - Secretary

GRAND PARADE CEREMONY

Joanne Geddes – Chairman
Tom MacCormack – Member
Glen Leduc - Member
Tom MacCormack – Member

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Glen Leduc - Chairman
Executive Director – Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

Lorne MacDonald - Chairman
Ken Babcock- Member
Administrative Assistant – Secretary

NS/NU COMMAND CONVENTION

George Della Valle – Chairman
Harry Jackson – Member
Ron Langevin - Member

PERSONNEL

Harry Jackson – Chairman
Joanne Geddes – Member
Conrad Gilbert – Member
Executive Director – Secretary

COMPLAINTS

Ron Langevin - Chairman
Conrad Gilbert - Member
Tom Young - Member
Executive Director - Secretary
Members in Waiting – John Leyte, Tom McCormack

CONSTITUTION AND LAW

Harry Jackson - Chairman
Joanne Geddes - Member
Ken Babcock - Member
Ron Langevin - Member
Don McCumber - Member
Administrative Assistant - Secretary

FINANCE AND BUILDING

Harry Jackson - Chairman
Conrad Gilbert - Member
Joanne Geddes - Member
Executive Director – Secretary

VETERANS SERVICES AND SENIORS

John Langley - Member
Dave Fletcher – Member

VETERANS OUTREACH

Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte – Chairman
- Member
- Member
Executive Director – Secretary

Ad Hoc Committees

CENTENARY COMMITTEE

Ron Langevin – Chairman
All District Commanders – Members

GUIDANCE COMMITTEES

Mel Crowe
Marion Fryday-Cook
Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte

LONG-TERM CARE BEDS

Don McCumber – Chairman

COMMAND TRUSTEES

Mel Crowe - Chairman
Marion Fryday-Cook – Member
Donna McCrury - Member

POPPY & REMEMBRANCE

André Boudreau – Chairman
Tom MacCormack – Member
John Leyte – Member
Executive Director – Secretary

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Ron Langevin - Chairman
Joanne Geddes - Member
Executive Director - Member
Clerk - Secretary

RITUAL, AWARDS & PROTOCOL

Joanne Geddes - Chairman
André Boudreau – Member
Don McCumber – Member
Administrative Assistant – Secretary

SPORTS

Harry Jackson – Chairman
Harry Jackson – Darts Coordinator
Harry Jackson- Track and Field
Murray Dawson – Cribbage Coordinator
Edgar Dowell – Eight Ball Coordinator
Clerk – Secretary

Representatives

CAMP HILL REPRESENTATIVE

Command Chaplain Steven Cochrane
District F Commander Steven Cochrane

EDI NS/NU REPRESENTATIVE

John Langley

LEGION MAGAZINE AND NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Mary Phillips

OSI REPRESENTATIVE

George Della Valle

COMMAND CHAPLAIN

Padre Steven Cochrane

COMMAND GRAND PRESIDENT

Ron Trowsdale

COMMAND HONORARY PRESIDENT

Clarence Dawe

6. Scheduled Business

Signing Authority

The following will be the signing authority for Command:

President George Della Valle
Executive Director Carrie Hogan
Treasurer Conrad Gilbert
Finance Chair Harry Jackson
2nd Vice President Joanne Geddes

NS/NU Command President George Della Valle will notify Command who will be the signing authority for the RBC Visa. The Command credit card is held by Executive Director. A small savings account with RBC will be opened so that Visa Statements can be accessed online.

Contact Information / Business Cards

Executive Council were provided with forms to be completed.

7. New/Other Business

Signage for Command Convention

District A Commander Clarence Dawe suggested that for next Convention, the Branch have signs posted with the Legion Crest, directing the members to the Branch. It was also suggested that a map be provided with direction to the hotel and the Branch.

Duties and Responsibilities

NS/NU Command Chair Ron Langevin questioned whether there would be correspondence sent out to the new officers on their duties and responsibilities. Executive Director Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte indicated that there are Terms of Reference for Committees on the Legion website. She advised that there is a Rules and Procedures for Legion Meetings on the Legion Website, as well as other manuals. Administrative Assistance Jane would be sending out a standard information sheet that we circulate to the Executive Council. It was also noted by NS/NU Command President George Della Valle that Comrades Tom Young and Karen Lynch would provide assistance to Chairman Langevin.

New Brunswick Command Convention

M – 2

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade Babcock

That expenses be covered for the President and Executive Director to attend New Brunswick Convention.

9 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

Newfoundland Command Convention

M – 3

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade Babcock

That expenses be covered for the President to attend Newfoundland Convention.

9 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

8. Date/Time of Next Executive Council

NS/NU Command Chairman Langevin advised that the next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for September 27 @ 8:30am at Command Office.

9. Adjournment

M – 4

Moved by Comrade Dawe, seconded by Comrade Babcock

That the meeting be adjourned at approximately 10:25am.

9 Affirmative
0 Abstention
0 Opposed
Motion Carried

10. Closing Ritual

The closing Ritual was conducted by NS/NU Command 2nd Vice President Joanne Geddes.

George Della Valle
Command President
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion

Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte
Executive Director
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Committee List 2025- 2027

ALCOHOL AND GAMING

Ken Babcock - Chair
Lorne MacDonald - Member
Tom McCormack - Member
Executive Director - Secretary

APPEALS

Don McCumber - Chair
Joanne Geddes - Member
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Ken Babcock - Member
Ron Langevin - Member
Arnold MacDonald - Member
Administrative Assistant - Secretary

FINANCE AND BUILDING

Harry Jackson - Chair
Conrad Gilbert - Member
Joanne Geddes - Member
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Tom Young - Member

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Conrad Gilbert – Member
Executive Director – Secretary

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André Boudreau – Chair
Tom McCormack – Member
John Leyte – Member
Executive Director – Secretary

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Ron Langevin - Chair
Joanne Geddes - Member
Executive Director - Member
Clerk – Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

Conrad Gilbert - Chair
Jarrod Selkirk – Member
Don McCumber - Member

RITUAL, AWARDS & PROTOCOL

Joanne Geddes - Chair
André Boudreau – Member
Don McCumber – Member
Tom McCormack – Member
John Quilty - Member
Administrative Assistant – Secretary

Updated September 23, 2025

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Committee List 2025- 2027

SPORTS

Harry Jackson – Chair
Harry Jackson – Darts Coordinator
Harry Jackson- Track and Field
Murray Dawson – Cribbage Coordinator
Edgar Dowell – Eight Ball Coordinator
Clerk – Secretary

VETERANS SERVICES AND SENIORS

John Langley - Member
Dave Fletcher – Member

VETERANS OUTREACH

Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte – Chair
Steve MacLellan – District A Rep
Jenny MacDonald – District B Rep
Jeremy Dobson – District C Rep
Greg Zwicker – District D Rep
Ann Mech – District E Rep
John Quilty – District F Rep
Executive Director – Member/Secretary

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Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte

VETERAN LONG-TERM CARE BEDS

Don McCumber - Chair

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District F Commander Tom McCormack
Zone 15 Sgt-at-Arms – Rick Powell

EDINS/NU REPRESENTATIVE

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Marion Fryday-Cook – Member
Donna McRury - Member

Presidents Report Executive Council September 27, 2025

Comrades,

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the general membership of NS/NU Command Branches, Executive Council, Committee Members and our Command Staff for all the support you have shown me since I was elected to this position. Your dedication to the aims and objectives of the Royal Canadian Legion and our mission to assist our Veterans and families hasn't gone unnoticed. Since the Bi-annual convention in Antigonish, I have attended the Prince Edward Island Convention and the New Brunswick Convention with our Executive Director Carrie. Each convention was well attended, and it was a great learning experience to see how the other Provincial Commands hold their Conventions. I also attended branch events around District A and am planning to visit branches in the other Districts in the future. I would like to thank our Grand President Ron Trowsdale, 1st VP Harry Jackson, 2nd VP Joanne Geddes and District D Commander Ken Babcock for representing me and Command at events that I was not able to attend in person.

NS/NU Command Office is once again in the process of hiring another Service Officer and would like to welcome Bethany and from Dominion Command Veterans Services, Carolyn, for assisting with additional applications. Carolyn was down to the Command Office on the 3rd week of August to instruct Bethany and another Service Officer from NB on new Veterans online portals.

Complaints and Article III's continue to be a concern of NS/NU Command, whether it be on a Branch or Command level. We agreed at our May Executive Council meeting to establish a Complaint Committee in each Zone. We should make this a priority in the new year.

Comrades as you are all aware, Branch 27 Vimy was closed March 18, 2025 due to complaints and an internal investigation as well as external investigations. As NS/NU Command President, under Article 418a and 419, I suspended the President indefinitely and 4 other members of the executive for 3 months. A town hall meeting was held on June 23, 2025 with the membership at the Vimy branch.

We took questions and answered them to our best of our ability, then I advised the membership that I was putting in place a Board of Management, as well as a branch manager. This is not to be mistaken from a mentorship team like was in place 3 times before. This team will access the branch to see if it is viable to continue as a branch, or to remove their charter. At this time, Vimy Br 27 is open and working on an election for a new President. An update will be presented at the Sept EC.

Comrades, the issue of monthly financial reports not keeping up to date and in some cases up to 6 months behind, is a real concern. I have called the District Commanders in some areas, as well as spoken to each of the branch Presidents that have monthly financial reports outstanding. Comrade Conrad will speak on this as well as provide an update for each District.

As the Remembrance season is fast approaching, I will be presenting the first Poppy to Lt Governor Mike Savage on Oct 20, 2025. After that, branches within the command can start presenting their first poppies to dignitaries in their respective areas. This year our Annual Poppy Campaign will begin Oct 31, 2025. Under the guidance of the Grand Parade Chairman 2nd VP Joanne Geddies, I will be attending this years Remembrance ceremony here in Halifax.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our Executive Director Carrie Hogan, our office staff Jane, Brenda, Bethany and you, the Executive Council for your support, guidance and patience as we learn our new roles at Command. You should be extremely proud of the role you have play in the lives of so many Veterans and their families.

Thank you all.

In Comradeship
George Della Valle
President
NS/NU Command

Finance Report Sept 27, 2025

Harry Jackson – Chair

George Della Valle – President

Joanne Geddes – 2 VP

Conrade Gilbert – Treasurer

Carrie Hogan ED – Secretary

Comrades

Monthly financial statements are being reviewed, and copies are being sent to members of the executive council.

The finance committee reviews all command investments on a regular basis. All maturing GICs are monitored, and the best interest rates are sought out for approval.

The latest one is \$330,000, locked in for 2 years at 3.30%.

Microsoft office 365 billing changes

Microsoft is no longer offering free accounts for non-profit organizations. In February we will have to pay for it. Cost of \$ 76.93 per month. We have 7 licenses currently \$10.99 per user.

A recommendation will be presented at the EC meeting in reference to the Microsoft account.

Presenting additional items at the EC meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Harry Jackson

Finance Chair

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

August-25		
Actual August-25	Budget August-25	Variance August-25
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 3,579.94	\$ 4,833.33	\$ (1,253.39)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 18.12	\$ -	\$ 18.12
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,657.70	\$ 1,629.98	\$ 27.72
\$ 1,174.62	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (3,825.38)
\$ 6,430.38	\$ 11,463.31	\$ (5,032.93)

YTD, 2025		
Actual YTD	Budget 2025	Variance YTD
\$ 7,053.98	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,053.98
\$ 979.90	\$ 800.00	\$ 179.90
\$ 29,467.81	\$ 58,000.00	\$ (28,532.19)
\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ (10.00)
\$ 163.12	\$ 500.00	\$ (336.88)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 97,303.17	\$ 105,000.00	\$ (7,696.83)
\$ 55,621.75	\$ 60,000.00	\$ (4,378.25)
\$ 190,589.73	\$ 229,310.00	\$ (38,720.27)

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	Donation - Corporate - General
4350	NS/NU Convention Revenue
4400	Per Capita Tax (Current Membership Fees) per
4525	Veterans Service Recognition Booklet
4526	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 11,303.23	\$ 11,792.95	\$ (489.72)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 636.25	\$ 480.56	\$ 155.69
\$ 259.51	\$ 271.06	\$ (11.55)
\$ 117.00	\$ 169.00	\$ (52.00)
\$ 117.76	\$ 61.32	\$ 56.44
\$ 354.36	\$ 343.75	\$ 10.61
\$ 69.05	\$ 526.67	\$ (457.62)
\$ 980.17	\$ 666.67	\$ 313.50
\$ 57.90	\$ 625.00	\$ (567.10)
\$ 2,223.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ (1,527.00)
\$ -	\$ 2,083.33	\$ (2,083.33)
\$ 153.55	\$ -	\$ 153.55
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,027.47	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 27.47
\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
\$ 3,413.10	\$ -	\$ 3,413.10
\$ -	\$ 416.67	\$ (416.67)
\$ -	\$ 41.67	\$ (41.67)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 335.46	\$ 100.00	\$ 235.46
\$ 21,047.81	\$ (1,780.83)	\$ (1,780.83)

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

\$ 1,392.81	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (107.19)
\$ 78,420.15	\$ 102,205.58	\$ (23,785.43)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 3,728.93	\$ 5,766.70	\$ (2,037.77)
\$ 1,475.46	\$ 3,252.71	\$ (1,777.25)
\$ 832.00	\$ 2,028.00	\$ (1,196.00)
\$ 602.94	\$ 735.88	\$ (132.94)
\$ 2,454.06	\$ 4,125.00	\$ (1,670.94)
\$ 5,404.41	\$ 6,320.00	\$ (915.59)
\$ 6,204.51	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (1,795.49)
\$ 2,109.95	\$ 7,500.00	\$ (5,390.05)
\$ 51,874.11	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 6,874.11
\$ 8,625.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ (16,375.00)
\$ 2,274.21	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (47,725.79)
\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
\$ 8,219.76	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (3,780.24)
\$ 4,152.93	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (1,847.07)
\$ 9,419.35	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,419.35
\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)
\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
\$ -	\$ 578.00	\$ (578.00)
\$ 1,589.01	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 389.01
\$ 188,779.59	\$ 290,711.87	\$ -101,932.28

\$ 11,743.06	\$ 916.67	\$ 10,826.39
\$ 30.00	\$ 41.67	\$ (11.67)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ (250.00)
\$ 874.96	\$ 500.00	\$ 374.96
\$ 12,777.66	\$ 1,233.33	\$ 11,544.33
\$ 25,425.68	\$ 2,941.67	\$ 22,484.01

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

\$ 14,801.91	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 3,801.91
\$ 240.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (260.00)
\$ 376.53	\$ 750.00	\$ (373.47)
\$ 3,125.16	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 125.16
\$ 4,922.23	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (1,077.77)
\$ 21,238.28	\$ 14,800.00	\$ 6,438.28
\$ 44,704.11	\$ 36,050.00	\$ 8,654.11

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Programs Fund - Programs Statement**

August-25		
Actual August-25	Budget August-25	Variance August-25
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 10,800.00	\$ (10,800.00)
\$ -	\$ 10,800.00	\$ (10,800.00)

\$ -	\$ 10,800.00	\$ -
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\$ -	\$ (10,800.00)	\$ 10,800.00
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YTD, 2025		
Actual YTD	Budget 2025	Variance YTD
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

PROGRAM REVENUE

4450 Leadership Training Camp Income
- (incl donation fr Lotto & VSRB)

4285 Miscellaneous Income -LTC

4550 Sports Revenues

Total Program Revenue

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 2,060.00	\$ (2,060.00)
\$ (1,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 2,060.00	\$ (3,060.00)

5545 **PROGRAM EXPENSES**

5545 Leadership Training Camp

5546 Grand Parade

5556 Trust 1 Bursary

TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES

SPORTS EXPENSES

5505 Sports Committee Expense - General

5510 Darts Expense - General

5520 Cribbage Expense - General

5522 8 Ball Pool - General

5525 Track & Field Expense - General

TOTAL SPORTS EXPENSES

\$ 170.20	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (829.80)
\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
\$ 202.30	\$ 300.00	\$ (97.70)
\$ 368.36	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (631.64)
\$ 2,393.59	\$ 27,000.00	\$ (24,606.41)
\$ 3,134.45	\$ 30,300.00	\$ (27,165.55)

TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES

\$ 2,134.45	\$ 32,360.00	\$ (30,225.55)
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\$ (2,134.45)	\$ (32,360.00)	\$ 30,225.55
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**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Poppy Fund - Poppy Statement**

August-25		
Actual August-25	Budget August-25	Variance August-25
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 33,477.97	\$ 16,842.41	\$ (50,320.38)
\$ 170,853.92	\$ 100,760.00	\$ 70,093.92
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,397.69	\$ 1,083.33	\$ 314.36
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 205,729.58	\$ 118,685.74	\$ 20,087.90

\$ 23,793.41	\$ 14,900.00	\$ 8,893.41
\$ 142,282.42	\$ 94,500.00	\$ 47,782.42
\$ 166,075.83	\$ 109,400.00	\$ 56,675.83

\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 218.74	\$ 229.17	\$ (10.43)
\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ (125.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 245.04	\$ 166.67	\$ 78.37
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 20.79	\$ 12.50	\$ 8.29
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 17.26	\$ 131.67	\$ (114.41)
\$ 31.47	\$ 125.00	\$ (93.53)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 6,314.89	\$ 11,199.40	\$ (4,884.51)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 8,289.14	\$ 6,332.72	\$ 1,956.43
\$ 118.12	\$ 114.58	\$ 3.54
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 15,255.45	\$ 18,436.70	\$ (3,181.25)

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

\$ 181,331.28	\$ 127,836.70	\$ 53,494.58
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\$ 24,398.30	\$ (9,150.96)	\$ (33,406.68)
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YTD, 2025

	Actual YTD	Budget 2025	Variance YTD
POPPY REVENUE			
4601 Poppy Promotional Free Items	\$ 283.50	\$ -	\$ 283.50
4610 Taxable Poppy Sales	\$ 54,107.33	\$ 75,000.00	\$ (20,892.67)
4615 Non-Taxable Poppy Sales	\$ 256,715.02	\$ 476,500.00	\$ (219,784.98)
4623 Assessed Poppy	\$ 2,496.00	\$ 89,000.00	\$ (86,504.00)
4616 Poppy Sales Adjustment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4620 Postage & Courier Income - Poppy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4630 Interest Income Poppy	\$ 11,166.59	\$ 13,000.00	\$ (1,833.41)
4650 Donation Income - Poppy	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
Total Poppy Revenue	\$ 324,768.44	\$ 654,000.00	\$ (329,231.56)

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Poppy Purchases			
5610 Taxable Poppy Purchases	\$ 38,886.42	\$ 57,000.00	\$ (18,113.58)
5615 Non-Taxable Poppy Purchases	\$ 203,939.17	\$ 320,000.00	\$ (116,060.83)
Total Poppy Purchases	\$ 242,825.59	\$ 377,000.00	\$ (134,174.41)

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Poppy Expenses			
5625 Advertising - Poppy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5627 Building Maint - Poppy	\$ 2,279.76	\$ 2,750.00	\$ (470.24)
5629 Service Contracts - Poppy	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)
5630 NS/NU Bursary Cheques - Poppy (24@\$500.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5635 Computer Expenses - Poppy	\$ 1,551.13	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (448.87)
5640 Donations - Poppy	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (3,000.00)
5650 Interest & Bank Charges Poppy	\$ 132.46	\$ 150.00	\$ (17.54)
5655 NS/NU Command Office Use-Poppy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5660 Office Supplies - Poppy	\$ 1,295.37	\$ 1,580.00	\$ (284.63)
5665 Postage & Courier - Poppy	\$ 1,040.40	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (459.60)
5670 Poster & Essay Winners - Poppy	\$ 1,276.95	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 76.95
5671-78 Wages & Benefits	\$ 53,927.16	\$ 145,592.26	\$ (91,665.10)
5679 Special Functions - Poppy	\$ 357.25	\$ -	\$ 357.25
5680 Service Officer Travel - Poppy	\$ 2,648.66	\$ -	\$ 2,648.66
5685 Secretarial - Poppy	\$ 56,749.64	\$ 75,992.58	\$ (19,242.94)
5690 Telephone - Poppy	\$ 818.02	\$ 1,375.00	\$ (556.98)
5693 Transfer to Veterans Outreach	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (12,000.00)
5695 Public Relations - Poppy	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)
Total Poppy Expenses	\$ 122,076.80	\$ 248,839.84	\$ (126,763.04)

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Travel & Allowances			
5430 Poppy Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Travel & Allowances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

TOTAL POPPY EXPENDITURES	\$ 364,902.39	\$ 625,839.84	\$ (260,937.45)
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Poppy Net Income (Loss)	\$ (40,133.95)	\$ 28,160.16	\$ (68,294.11)
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RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Elsie Jean Lambert Fund - EJ Lambert Statement

August-25			YTD, 2025		
Actual August-25	Budget August-25	Variance August-25	Actual YTD	Budget 2025	Variance YTD
			LAMBERT INCOME		
			Interest Income -		
			Lambert used for Bursary Funding		
\$ 282.22	\$ 854.17	\$ (571.95)	\$ 4,654.50	\$ 10,250.00	\$ (5,595.50)
\$ 282.22	\$ 854.17	\$ (571.95)			
			LAMBERT EXPENSES		
			5905 Bank Charges - Lambert		
-	5.42	(5.42)	(62.00)	65.00	(127.00)
10,680.00	-	10,680.00	5910 Elsie Lambert Scholarship Cheques		
10,680.00	5.42	10,674.58	10,680.00	10,250.00	430.00
			TOTAL LAMBERT EXPENSES		
			\$ 10,618.00	\$ 10,315.00	\$ 303.00
			Net Income (Loss)		
(10,397.78)	\$ 848.75	\$ (11,246.53)	\$ (5,963.50)	\$ (65.00)	\$ (5,898.50)

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

August-25		
Actual August-25	Budget August-25	Variance August-25
\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 992.65	\$ 1,416.67	\$ (424.02)
\$ 3,492.65	\$ 1,416.67	\$ 2,075.98
\$ 15,720.85	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 11,220.85
\$ 9.25	\$ 10.42	\$ (1.17)
\$ 15,730.10	\$ 4,510.42	\$ 11,219.68
\$ (12,237.45)	\$ (3,093.75)	\$ (9,143.70)

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, 2025		
Actual YTD	Budget 2025	Variance YTD
\$ 40,360.35	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 3,360.35
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 8,546.29	\$ 17,000.00	\$ (8,453.71)
\$ 48,906.64	\$ 54,000.00	\$ (5,093.36)
\$ 36,188.23	\$ 54,000.00	\$ (17,811.77)
\$ 47.25	\$ 125.00	\$ (77.75)
\$ 36,235.48	\$ 54,125.00	\$ (17,889.52)
\$ 12,671.16	\$ (125.00)	\$ 12,796.16

August-25		
Actual A-25	Budget A-25	Variance A-25
\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ (7,500.00)
\$ 225.00	\$ 4,166.67	\$ (3,941.67)
\$ (225.00)	\$ 3,333.33	\$ (3,558.33)

VETERANS OUTREACH REVENUE	
4553	Veterans Outreach Program
VETERANS OUTREACH EXPENSES	
5830	Veterans Outreach Program
Total Veterans Outreach Net Income (Loss)	

YTD, 2025		
Actual YTD	Budget 2024	Variance YTD
\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (50,000.00)
\$ 32,743.38	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (17,256.62)
\$ (32,743.38)	\$ -	\$ (32,743.38)

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

August-25			YTD, 2025			
Actual A-25	Budget A-25	Variance A-25	Actual YTD	Budget 2025	Variance YTD	
\$ 6,430.38	\$ 11,463.31	\$ (5,032.93)	Revenue - General Total	\$ 190,589.73	\$ 229,310.00	\$ (38,720.27)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Revenue - Programs Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>\$ 6,430.38</u>	<u>\$ 11,463.31</u>	<u>\$ (5,032.93)</u>	Revenue Total	<u>\$ 190,589.73</u>	<u>\$ 229,310.00</u>	<u>\$ (38,720.27)</u>
\$ 48,189.02	\$ 5,440.34	\$ 42,748.68	Expense - General Total	\$ 307,929.83	\$ 447,861.87	\$ (139,932.04)
\$ -	\$ 10,800.00	\$ (10,800.00)	Expense - Programs Total	\$ 2,134.45	\$ 32,360.00	\$ (30,225.55)
<u>\$ 48,189.02</u>	<u>\$ 16,240.34</u>	<u>\$ 31,948.68</u>	Expense Total	<u>\$ 310,064.28</u>	<u>\$ 480,221.87</u>	<u>\$ (170,157.59)</u>
<u>\$ (41,758.64)</u>	<u>\$ (4,777.03)</u>	<u>\$ (36,981.61)</u>	Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (119,474.55)</u>	<u>\$ (250,911.87)</u>	<u>\$ 131,437.32</u>

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

August-25			YTD, 2025			
Actual A-25	Budget A-25	Variance A-25	Actual YTD	Budget 2025	Variance YTD	
\$ 205,729.58	\$ 118,685.74	\$ 87,043.84	Revenue - Poppy Total	\$ 324,768.44	\$ 654,000.00	\$ (329,231.56)
<u>\$ 205,729.58</u>	<u>\$ 118,685.74</u>	<u>\$ 87,043.84</u>	Revenue Total	<u>\$ 324,768.44</u>	<u>\$ 654,000.00</u>	<u>\$ (329,231.56)</u>
\$ 181,331.28	\$ 127,836.70	\$ 53,494.58	Expense - Poppy Total	\$ 364,902.39	\$ 625,839.84	\$ (260,937.45)
<u>\$ 181,331.28</u>	<u>\$ 127,836.70</u>	<u>\$ 53,494.58</u>	Expense Total	<u>\$ 364,902.39</u>	<u>\$ 625,839.84</u>	<u>\$ (260,937.45)</u>
<u>\$ 24,398.30</u>	<u>\$ (9,150.96)</u>	<u>\$ 33,549.26</u>	Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (40,133.95)</u>	<u>\$ 28,160.16</u>	<u>\$ (68,294.11)</u>

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

August-25			YTD, 2025			
Actual A-25	Budget A-25	Variance A-25	Actual YTD	Budget 2025	Variance YTD	
\$ 282.22	\$ 854.17	\$ (571.95)	Revenue - Lambert Total	\$ 4,654.50	\$ 10,250.00	\$ (5,595.50)
<u>\$ 282.22</u>	<u>\$ 854.17</u>	<u>\$ (571.95)</u>	Revenue Total	<u>\$ 4,654.50</u>	<u>\$ 10,250.00</u>	<u>\$ (5,595.50)</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
\$ 10,680.00	\$ 5.42	\$ 10,674.58	Expense - Lambert Total	\$ 10,618.00	\$ 10,315.00	\$ 303.00
<u>\$ 10,680.00</u>	<u>\$ 5.42</u>	<u>\$ 10,674.58</u>	Expense Total	<u>\$ 10,618.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,315.00</u>	<u>\$ 303.00</u>
<u>\$ (10,397.78)</u>	<u>\$ 848.75</u>	<u>\$ (11,246.53)</u>	Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (5,963.50)</u>	<u>\$ (65.00)</u>	<u>\$ (5,898.50)</u>

\$ 45,870.00

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

August-25			YTD, 2025			
Actual A-25	Budget A-25	Variance A-25	Actual YTD	Budget 2025	Variance YTD	
\$ 3,492.65	\$ 1,416.67	\$ 2,075.98	Revenue - Benevolent	\$ 48,906.64	\$ 54,000.00	\$ (5,093.36)
\$ -	\$ 7,500.00		Revenue - Veterans Outreach	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (50,000.00)
<u>\$ 3,492.65</u>	<u>\$ 8,916.67</u>	<u>\$ (5,424.02)</u>	Revenue Total	<u>\$ 48,906.64</u>	<u>\$ 104,000.00</u>	<u>\$ (55,093.36)</u>
						\$ -
\$ 15,730.10	\$ 4,510.42	\$ 11,219.68	Expense - Benevolent	\$ 36,235.48	\$ 54,125.00	\$ (17,889.52)
\$ 225.00	\$ 4,166.67	\$ (3,941.67)	Expense - Veterans Outreach	\$ 32,743.38	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (17,256.62)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Expense - PAWS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>\$ 15,955.10</u>	<u>\$ 8,677.08</u>	<u>\$ 7,278.02</u>	Expense Total	<u>\$ 68,978.86</u>	<u>\$ 104,125.00</u>	<u>\$ (35,146.14)</u>
<u>\$ (12,462.45)</u>	<u>\$ 239.58</u>	<u>\$ (12,702.03)</u>	Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (20,072.22)</u>	<u>\$ (125.00)</u>	<u>\$ (19,947.22)</u>

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

May-25			YTD, 2025			
Actual A-25	Budget A-25	Variance A-25	Actual YTD	Budget 2025	Variance YTD	
\$ 215,934.83	\$ 139,919.88	\$ 76,014.95	Revenue	\$ 568,919.31	\$ 997,560.00	\$ (428,640.69)
\$ 256,155.40	\$ 152,759.54	\$ 103,395.86	Expenses	\$ 754,563.53	\$ 1,220,501.71	\$ (465,938.18)
<u>\$ (40,220.57)</u>	<u>\$ (12,839.66)</u>	<u>\$ (27,380.91)</u>	Net Income	<u>\$ (185,644.22)</u>	<u>\$ (222,941.71)</u>	<u>\$ 37,297.49</u>

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**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Investments Statement**

August-25

Visa Points	141,642
Plus: Current Points Earned	10,213
Less: Redeemed Points	-
	151,855

	GL Acct	Purchase Date	Orig. Invest.	Int. Rate	Term- Month	Maturity	Balance Sheet Value as of Last month	New Balance Sheet Value
Scotiabank Investment Listing:								
GIC IWL2B2-Elsie Jean Lambert	1155	07-May-25	\$200,000.00	2.91%	12	07-May-26	201,534.78	\$201,817.00
GIC (long term) 22DTR6	1168	05-Jun-23	\$25,000.00	4.80%	30	05-Dec-25	27,663.28	\$27,768.01
GIC (long term)22DTR7	1171	05-Jun-23	\$100,000.00	4.80%	30	05-Dec-25	110,653.12	\$111,072.03
GIC (long term) 22DTLP	1169	05-Jun-23	\$80,000.00	4.80%	30	05-Dec-25	88,522.49	\$88,857.62
GIC 2BX05G	1110	20-Feb-25	\$50,000.00	3.50%	13	23-Mar-26	50,733.56	\$50,872.50
GIC 2BX077	1109	20-Feb-25	\$50,000.00	3.50%	13	23-Mar-26	50,733.56	\$50,872.50
GIC (Short-Term) 1ZKYSS	1166	06-Dec-22	\$72,657.57	5.00%	36	06-Dec-25	82,716.46	\$83,034.70
GIC Long term	1179	31-Dec-24	\$50,395.00	3.65%	24	05-Nov-26	50,395.00	\$51,485.00
SMC GIC - Benevelonet (replacement)	1112	Aug 30, 204	\$351,607.67	4.50%	12	Aug-25	366,129.55	\$367,386.67
			\$979,660.24				\$1,029,081.80	\$1,033,166.03

BURSARY FUNDING (and INFORMATION)

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

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Income Statement Aug 01, 2025 to Aug 31, 2025**

REVENUE

General Income

Miscellaneous Income - General		18.12
Interest Income - General		3,579.94
Total General Income		<u>3,598.06</u>

Program Revenues

Per Capita Tax		1,657.70
VeteransRecognitionBook - taxa...	1,088.47	
VeteransRecognitionBook - non...	86.15	
Net: VeteransServiceRecognition...		1,174.62
Total Program Revenues		<u>2,832.32</u>

Poppy Income

Taxable Poppy Sales	33,477.97	
Non-Taxable Poppy Sales	170,853.92	
Net: Poppy Sales		204,331.89
Interest Income - Poppy		1,397.69
Grant Revenue		0.00
Total Poppy Income		<u>205,729.58</u>

Benevolent Income

Donations - Benevolent		2,500.00
Interest Income - Benevolent		992.65
Total Benevolent Income		<u>3,492.65</u>

Lambert Income

Interest Income - Lambert		282.22
Total Lambert Income		<u>282.22</u>

TOTAL REVENUE 215,934.83

EXPENSE

General & Admin. Expe...

Salaries - General		11,303.23
CPP Expense - General		636.25
EI Expense - General		259.51
RRSP Employer Expense - Gen...		117.00
WCB - General		117.76
Telephone/Fax - General		354.36
Office Supplies-General		69.05
Computer Expense-General		980.17
Postage & Courier - General		57.90
Legal / Professional - General		2,223.00
Assistance to Branches - General		153.55
Amortization - General		1,027.47
NS/NU Command Use-General		3,413.10
Bank Charges - General *5119		335.46
Total Administration - Ge...		<u>21,047.81</u>

Occupancy Expenses

Repairs & Maintenance - General		11,743.06
Fire Tax		30.00
Cleaning Expense - General		874.96
Insurance - General		12,777.66
Total Occupancy Costs		<u>25,425.68</u>

RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Income Statement Aug 01, 2025 to Aug 31, 2025

Convention Costs - Gen...

NS/NU Comm Convention Costs... 252.75

Total Convention Costs ... 252.75

Travel & Allowances - G...

NS/NU Executive Council Exp-G... 342.28

Appeal Committee 523.10

Veteran Service Recognition Boo... 500.00

Trustees Inventory Committee 97.40

Total Travel & Allowanc... 1,462.78

Program Direct Expens...

Gift Card- NS Grant 0.00

Total Program Costs - G... 0.00

Poppy Expenses

Taxable Poppy Purchases 23,793.41

Non-Taxable Poppy Purchases 142,282.42

Net: Poppy Purchases 166,075.83

Building Maint - Poppy 218.74

Computer Expenses - Poppy 245.04

Bank Charges - Poppy 20.79

Office Supplies - Poppy 17.26

Postage & Courier - Poppy 31.47

WCB Expense - Poppy 41.89

Salaries - Poppy 5,817.33

CPP Expense - Poppy 322.10

EI Expense - Poppy 133.57

Secretarial - Poppy 8,289.14

Telephone - Poppy 118.12

Total Poppy Expenses 181,331.28

Benevolent Expenses

Benevolent Disbursements 15,720.85

Benevolent Interest & Bank Char... 9.25

Veterans Outreach Program 225.00

Total Benevolent Expen... 15,955.10

Lambert - Expenses

Elsie Lambert Scholarship Expen... 10,680.00

Total Lambert Expenses 10,680.00

TOTAL EXPENSE 256,155.40

NET INCOME -40,220.57

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Balance Sheet As at Oct 31, 2025**

ASSET

Current Assets

Petty Cash		387.03
Emergency Cash-Poppy		2,004.50
Scotiabank - General ..*5119		330,216.18
Scotiabank - Poppy ..*7014		1,072,489.26
Scotiabank -Veteran S Recog ..*5518		3,375.84
Scotiabank - Benevolent ..0813		576,658.64
Scotiabank - Lambert (new) ..3111		10,758.10
Scotiabank - WebDonations ..0817		1,448.01
Scotiabank - Programs ..00*4710		1,409.16
GIC 2BX077 March 23, 2026		50,872.50
GIC 2BC05G March 23, 2026		50,872.50
GIC Aug 30, 2025 4.5%		367,386.67
GIC CSWBH- Lambert May 7, 2026		201,817.00
ScotiaBank Invest 1879147ends 12/25		83,034.71
GIC GIC 22DTR6 4.8% Dec 5/25		27,768.01
LT GIC -22DTLP 4.8% Dec5/25		88,857.62
GIC-longterm, 22DTR7 4.8% Dec5/25		111,072.03
Scotiabank Invest Nov5/26 3.65%		51,485.00
Accounts Receivable Control		74,362.00
Accounts Receivable Adjust		1,463.10
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts		-3,717.19
Due fr General to Poppy		185.26
Due from Elsie Lambert to General		1,000.00
Due from Poppy to General		393,933.74
Due from Benevolent to General		177.45
Inventory - Poppy and Wreath		-179,319.66
Poppy Promotional (free) items		389.45
Inventory- Command Store		1,491.17
Inventory - Promotional Supplies		2,440.34
Inventory Adjustment		3,280.31
Prepaid Expenses		0.05
Total Current Assets		3,327,598.78

Capital Assets

Land		128,179.94
Building	550,001.30	
Accum. Amort. - Building	-292,708.62	
Net - Building		257,292.68
Office Furniture & Equipment	128,052.05	
Accum. Amort. - Furn. & Equip.	-125,724.15	
Net - Furniture & Equipment		2,327.90
Computer Equipment	19,238.05	
Accum. Amort - Computer Equipment	-18,230.59	
Net : Computer Equipment		1,007.46
Total Capital Assets		388,807.98

TOTAL ASSET

3,716,406.76

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable		57.00
Vacation Accrual Paid		-1,458.26
Accrued Vacation		1,458.26
Accrued Liabilities		16,882.54
RRSP Contributions Payable		260.00
CPP Payable		1,885.32
EI Payable		660.81
Workers Comp Payable		207.07
Federal Income Tax Payable		2,976.20
HST Charged on Sales	10,152.96	

**RCL Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Balance Sheet As at Oct 31, 2025**

HST Paid on Purchases	-6,470.08	
HST Owing (Refund)		3,682.88
Owing to General from Poppy		394,119.00
Due to General from Benevolent		177.45
Due to E J Lambert from General		1,000.00
Deferred Revenue		1,663.75
Total Current Liabilities		<u>423,572.02</u>
Long Term Liabilities		
Per Capita Tax Rec'd for 2026		9,329.10
Per Capita Tax Rec'd for 2027		1,427.80
Per Capita Tax Rec'd for 2028		2,855.60
Per Capita Tax Rec'd - 2029		1,197.90
Per Capita Tax Rec'd - 2030		2,190.10
Per Capita Tax Rec'd - 2031		350.90
Per Capita Tax Rec'd - 2032		665.50
Per Capita Tax Rec'd - 2033		363.00
Per Capita Tax Rec'd - 2035		145.20
Per Capita Tax Rec'd - 2037		568.70
Per Capita Tax Rec'd for 2025		112,517.90
Total Long Term Liabilities		<u>131,611.70</u>
TOTAL LIABILITY		<u>555,183.72</u>
EQUITY		
Fund Balances		
Retained Earnings - Previous Year		283,342.00
Capital Reserve Fund		100,000.00
Supplementary Fund		25,000.00
Investment in Capital Assets		466,152.00
Current Earnings		-197,722.37
General Fund Balance		1,333,090.04
Poppy Fund Balance		199,581.00
Benevolent Fund Balance		743,032.37
Lambert Fund Balance		208,748.00
Total Fund Balances		<u>3,161,223.04</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>3,161,223.04</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		<u><u>3,716,406.76</u></u>

Building Report for Sept 27,2025

Harry Jackson 1st VP - Chair

Joanne Geddes 2ND VP – Member

Conrad Gilbert Treasurer – Member

Carrie Hogan ED – Secretary

Comrades

Over the past 9 months I have been handling issues through e-mails on the maintenance/repairs.

The maintenance of the building and grounds is monitored monthly by a check list to ensure that the building is safe and operational, some of the items that were addressed were:

The LED lighting has been installed throughout the building at a cost of \$9712.33 plus tax. We will be getting an estimated rebate back at little over \$3500.00 dollars.

A small plumbing repair was looked after in the men's washroom.

We had to replace the lawn care company, because they were not showing up, so a student was hired and there as not been any issues.

We will have to look for a new company for snow removal.

The back water value has been inspected and all is good.

The gentlemen from the Flag Shop were requested to come fix a couple of the flags, and there was no cost to Command.

In February 2025 the issue of shelving in the back warehouse was discussed as it is getting dangerous to use. So, there will be some recommendations brought to the Executive Council to resolve the issue.

Respectfully Submitted

Harry Jackson

Building Committee Chair

**Treasurer's Report
Executive Council Meeting
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion
September 2025**

Comrades,

Attached please find the up-to-date listing of all of our current GIC's.

We are doing very well with our investments with no more maturing until December 2025.
Any questions?

I will now continue with the rest of my report verbally.

In Comradeship,
Conrad Gilbert
Treasurer
NS/NU Command

Executive Director's Report September 2025

Comrades,

To begin, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Personnel Committee for the opportunity to join this team. I hope my contributions so far have aligned with your expectations and the trust you placed in me. Drawing on my experience managing at Branch level, along with my active membership in the Royal Canadian Legion, I stepped into this role with a solid foundation of knowledge. That background gave me a strong start and it's proven to be a real asset in navigating the demands of the position.

With 102 branches under our belt, I expected a fast-paced environment and I was absolutely right. Each day presents fresh challenges, from fielding general inquiries to navigating Article III matters and addressing financial concerns. Despite the constant motion, I've managed to stay on top of it all and feel confident in how I've handled the demands. I've already connected with many Branches and had the pleasure of engaging with numerous members—some conversations were truly enjoyable, while others were a bit more challenging.

Although I'm pleased with my entire role here at Command, the most meaningful part for me is Veteran Assistance. I continue to be deeply moved, and often heartbroken, by how many Veterans and their families are facing hardship and turn to Command for help. Yet, each time we're able to guide someone back on track, it's profoundly rewarding. Knowing we've made a difference in their lives brings a sense of purpose that's hard to put into words.

Over the past few months, I've had the pleasure of sitting down with our staff for a couple of informal coffee breaks/meetings. These meetings have been invaluable, not just for getting to know each other better, but for understanding how everyone's doing, what they might need, and how we can continue improving the workplace here at Command. I'm genuinely impressed by the dedication and expertise of this team. Their insights have already taught me so much, and their ongoing support makes a real difference every single day. I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such committed professionals, and I want to sincerely thank each of them for everything they do—for Command, and for me.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the Executive Council for their support and guidance to date. Your contributions have been deeply valued, and I remain appreciative of the collaborative partnership we have established. I look forward to continuing our work together with shared purpose and commitment.

Yours In Comradeship,

Carrie Hogan
Executive Director

Electronic Vote January – August 2025

Feb 26	Branch 49 name change	Carried
Mar 10	Accommodation Rate remain at \$200	Carried
Apr 8	MSM	Carried
May 6	EJL GIC reinvestment	Carried
June 26	Grand Parade Budget increase to \$5000	Carried
July 30	Moneris POS system installation	Carried
Aug 26	Reinvestment \$330,000 GIC	Carried

District Commander's Report

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

Name:

CLARENCE DAVE

District

A

Date

Sept 11/25

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

3

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

SUMMER VACATION

Date

N/A

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

PRE CONVENTION

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

HAD TO ATTEND BR 43, BR 53
REGARDING MATTERS

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.

None Known

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

Yes

No

District Commander's Report

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Name: Lorne MacDonald

District ; "B"

Date: September 7, 2025

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?

September 7th,2025

Yes

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

No

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

Since your last report, have you sponsored, or planning to sponsor, any Leadership Seminars within your District? Please provide details. **No**

4. 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. **All ok.**

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

Yes

No

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

District Commander's Report

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Name:

District

Date

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

Zone

Yes

No

Zone

Yes

No

Zone

Yes

No

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

Date

Yes

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

No

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.

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.

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

Yes

No

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

District 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

26 Aug 2025

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

10 May 2025

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.

Meeting Pubnico Br 66 meeting to get them to submit their Financial Reports
Meeting Yarmouth Br 61 meeting to get them to submit their Financial Reports

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

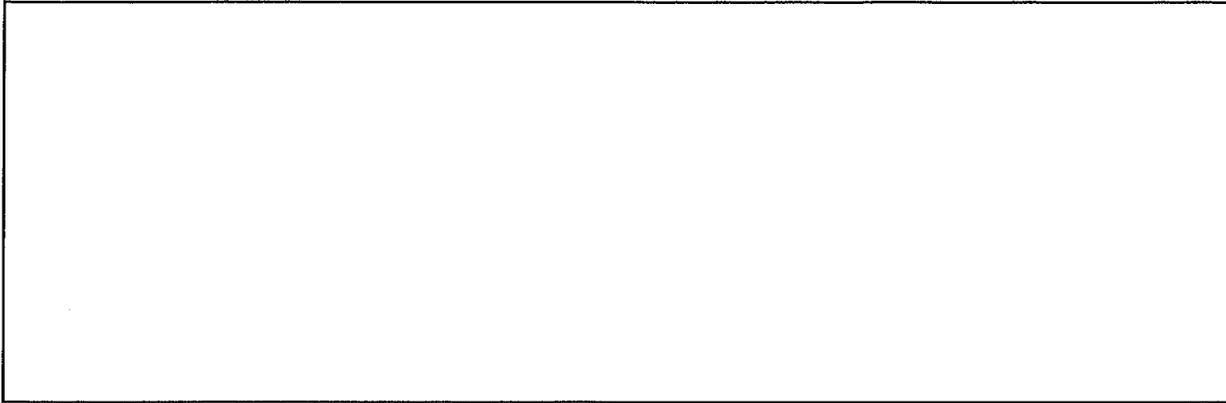
6. Are the Zones and/or branches within your District experiencing any specific challenges regarding finances, membership, Policy, by-laws etc., that you have become aware of, but have not been reported in the Zone Commanders' report? Please explain.

Several Legions in both Zones have had difficulty getting their Financials Reports done there 3 Br to get up to date

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

- Yes
- No

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

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District Commander's Report

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

Name:

Tom McCormack

District

F

Date

29 Aug. 2025

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

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.

Part of the Vimy 27 investigative team and attended several meetings over the summer
D-Day Ceremony at Somme Branch
VJ Day Ceremony at Eastern Marine Branch
Dieppe Raid Ceremony at Waverley Branch
Photo op at the Commissionaires building in Bedford

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

Not as yet

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 15 no challenges whatsoever
Zone 15 is somewhat of a challenge having no Zone Commander for the last 4 or 5 years.

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.

Looking forward to the 2 years ahead. If we could get a Zone Commander it would certainly make the Zone a lot stronger for sure.



Nova Scotia / Nunavut District G Report 2025-05-31 to 2025-09-27

Jarrod Sellick



District G
Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command

Branch activities



2025-09-27
DISTRICT G REPORT

District G
Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command

Branch 168, Iqaluit, Nunavut

- May 31 marked the 56 annual ceremonial review of the 795 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. Former Commanding Officer, Sibean Moss, was the reviewing officer. President John Graham and 1st Vice-President Jarrod Selkirk attended the ceremony to greet parents and cadets, and to present awards.
- The initial stages of forming a gaming committee are underway and the committee is aiming at refreshing the billiards league and the dart league.
- Wednesday wing night, Friday steak night, and our Saturday all you can eat buffet, continue to be popular with the community, generating the most revenue of any other food night.



- We are planning our 2025 Poppy Campaign and upcoming Remembrance Day Service.
- Our weekends are popular with live music and DJ entertainment.
- On Saturdays, we host a popular all you can eat lunch buffet. We often have a theme for the buffet such as Chinese food, Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc.



Branch 169, Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

- Canada Day BBQ: Branch 169 once again hosted the annual community BBQ. With the support of several members and two cadet leaders, we served approximately 1,50 hot dogs in two hours.
- Dart league: The men's league will resume on Wednesday evenings and the ladies' league on Thursdays this fall. These events have historically drawn excellent participation and help drive membership renewals.
- July Hawaiian themed party: Organized by the Social and Volunteer Committee, this event was a tremendous success. Highlights included themed decor, games with cash prizes funded through ticket sales, and door prize for best costume.



- 2025 Kivalliq Trade Show & Gala: We have been asked to provide bar service again for this years Trade Show and meet & greet as well as the Gala. This event is in mid September.





Donations



2025-09-27
DISTRICT G REPORT

District G
Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command

Branch 168, Iqaluit, Nunavut

- Branch 168 continues to support the 795 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, our flagship program since October 1970.
- \$838 has been donated in this quarter from Branch 168 to the Pan Territorial Air Cadet Committee.
- Food and meal donations are made every Saturday following our morning buffet. Left over food items are delivered to the local shelters and Elder's Homes.
- Branch 168 donated \$1000 to the Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command Benevolent Fund at the 57th convention in Antigonish on May 17, 2025.



- We would like to develop a term of reference to establish a bursary in memory of former District G Commander, Clark Wolfe. Along the lines of the Elsie Jean Lambert and the Prince of Wales Bursaries distributed by Command.



Branch 169, Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

- In this period, Branch 169 contributed \$500 to the Rankin Inlet Wrestling Club. No other donation requests were received.



Membership



Branch 168, Iqaluit, Nunavut

- We have approximately 1100 members in and out of territory. The exact number of members will be determined once our Branch gets caught up on membership processes.
- Many members who relocate elsewhere in Canada, choose to retain their membership status with Branch 168 in Iqaluit.
- Approximately 75% of current and new members are obtaining their membership through the Royal Canadian Legion's online member portal. While we encourage new and current members to use the online membership portal, we respect that not everyone has access to a computer or cell phone. For that reason we continue to offer our standard membership processes as well.



Branch 169, Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

- As of mid-August 2025, Branch 169 has 137 active members. This represents a decrease from 173 members in 2024. However, we anticipate continued renewals as the colder months set in and the dart leagues resume.



Branch operations



Branch 168, Iqaluit, Nunavut

- The day to day operations of Branch 168 are steady.
- Branch operations and staffing continue to operate under the supervision and payroll of the Malloy Group of Companies also known as Nunavut Excavating.
- Following a marathon of break and enter incidents, we have installed a very sophisticated camera and alarm system. Because the physical properties have been purchased by the Malloy Group of Companies, the security system invoice was handled by their finance department.
- The Executives are stepping up to better understand their roles and duties as described under each specific oath of office.



- We are training a new administrative leader, Levi Ekho. Levi is very eager to take on this role and we have great faith in his ability to do so.
- Our administrative expert, Doug Claridge, after spending over 40 years of dedicated service to our Branch activities and operations, sadly passed away following a fierce battle with a progressive cancer. The Claridge family asked Branch 168 to conduct a Legion memorial service for Doug. The staff and Executive of branch 168, along with many members of Iqaluit's community, came together to honor our friend Doug and to lay him to rest.
- We continue to maintain a satisfactory relationship with the Nunavut Liquor Board. Branch 168 has not faced any liquor violations since our reprimand on July 10, 2024.



- Venue rental requests have begun in regards to upcoming staff Christmas parties for various local businesses and city of Iqaluit staff.
- At some point, the Netflix film organization will rent our space at the Cadet Hall until mid November to film season 2 of the series, North of North at a cost of \$1500.00 per day.
- The Cadet Hall is leased to the Canadian Armed Forces for Operation Nunakaput 2025 from August 25 to September 20 inclusive. These operations focus on disaster relief, CAF support in critical incidents and requests for Canadian Ranger support to ground search and rescue. The CAF conducts a series of norther operations each year with its mission partners and has requested the use of the Cadet Hall for the purpose of fulfilling their mandate. The lease amount is \$54,000 in total.



- In the near future, we plan to install a new liquor dispensing system called Easy-Bar. This is to replace the old Azbar system which crashed fatally a couple of years ago.



Branch 169, Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

- Bar operations: Sales and profits were impacted by limited access to U.S. liquors and the need to order products not available at the NLCB from Manitoba. With the arrival of the sealift boats, we are optimistic that supply issues will be resolved moving forward.
- Board membership: In July and August, we welcomed two new Members-at-Large: Daniel Sewell, a long-time Rankin Inlet resident, and Robert Doig, born and raised in Nunavut.
- Equipment upgrade: Branch 169 purchased a new 90" flat-screen smart TV, replacing the outdated projector and screen which were not compatible with Starlink / streaming.



- Private rentals: Demand from private rentals remains strong. Over the summer, the Branch hosted children's birthday parties, private gatherings, and a Lobster/Steak dinner for Qulliq Energy Corp staff.
- Lease renewal: The lease on our current building is due for renewal in 2026.



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Respectfully submitted for: 2025-09-27

Jarrood Selkirk

Jarrood Selkirk

Nova Scotia / Nunavut, District G Commander



Legion 

*District G
Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command*

Alcohol & Gaming Report
Executive Council Meeting

27 Sept 25

I had one issue within District D where a Branch was told by the Liquor Compliance Officer, that due to the type of license they held that they were allowed to employ a 16 year old to serve/have access to alcohol.

I brought this to the attention of the Executive Director who in turn contacted Nova Scotia Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel & Tobacco about this.

They agreed that a 16 old should not have access and they had the authorization reversed.

The 16 year old was immediately let go by the branch.

Respectfully Submitted

Ken Babcock

Chair Alcohol & Gaming

Appeals Committee
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
September 2025

Committee Members:

Immediate Past President Don McCumber	Chairman
2 nd Vice President	Member
District G Commander Jarrod Selkirk	Member

When an appeal is initiated, the Committee is responsible for reviewing decisions made under Article III, rendering our appeal decision, and submitting a formal report to the President of the Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command.

All appeal proceedings are conducted in accordance with Article III, Section 314 of the General By-Laws.

Following the Command Convention, the Committee convened once to deliberate on a single appeal. Past President Marion Fryday-Cook participated on place of District G Commander Jarrod Selkirk

Yours in Comradeship,

Don McCumber
Chairman

**Benevolent Committee Report
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
September 2025**

Members:

Immediate Past President Don McCumber	Chairman
Executive Director Carrie Hogan	Member
Command Service Officer Bethany Buffet	Secretary

Here is the breakdown of Command Benevolent Fund assistance to Veterans from February – August 2025:

Month	# of Veterans	Command Fund Disbursed
FEBRUARY	3	\$2563.74
MARCH	3	\$1950.00
APRIL	0	\$0.00
MAY	1	\$3555.00
JUNE	4	\$6370.00
JULY	7	\$9753.00
AUGUST	4	\$6670.00

The Command Benevolent Committee receives weekly, sometimes daily calls from Veterans and their families seeking support. While the table above reflects only the assistance funded directly by Command, it's important to recognize the vital role our Branches play. When requests arise at Command by Veterans within their communities, Branch Executive including Service Officers consistently step up to help when called upon. We simply couldn't fulfill our mission without their unwavering dedication. Their continued support makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those who have served, and we are deeply grateful to have such compassionate volunteers by our side.

I would also like to thank my Committee for their hard work and dedication to Veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Don McCumber
Chairman

NS/NU Command

Cadet legion Medal of Excellence Report
for meeting 27 Sept 2025

26 Aug 2025

There has been no activity with this Committee.
We will get new applications in early 2026

This is my Report submitted for meeting on 27 Sept 2025

André V. Boudreau CD,
Chairman Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence Committee

REPORT OF THE NS/NU COMMAND
COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

Ron Langevin - Chair
Conrad Gilbert – Member
Tom Young – Member
Executive Director – Secretary
Members in Waiting
John Leyte
Tom McCormack
Karen Lynch

All complaints up to and including September, 2025 have been concluded with one appeal. I would like to take this time to thank the committee members for their guidance and patience and recognize their comprehension in these sensitive and stressful issues.

In Your Comradeship,

Ron Langevin

Constitution and Law Report for Sept 27, 2025

Committee: Harry Jackson – Chair

Joanne Geddes – Member

Ken Badcock – Member

Ron Langevin – Member

Don McCumber – Member

Jane Scott – Secretary

We have had two meetings since becoming Chair C & L, July 22 and Aug 26, 2025.

The committee is dealing with Annex A amendments for approval and Branch Policy amendments for review. Also, the committee has been looking at updating Command forms that relate to amendments to Branch Policy and Annex A.

Recommendation #1 for NSNU Command to adopt Branch Amendment Form – Annex A (NSNU Sept 2025 08-104)

Recommendation # 2 For NSNU Command to adopt Notice of Amendment to Branch Policy Book (NSNU Sept 2025 08-100)

Recommendation # 3 to remove the form that states By-Law Amendments/ Changes Form this form is no longer required.

Recommendation # 4 Constitution and By-Laws Committee – Terms of Reference to reflect the proper wording in reference to branch By-law to branch policy.

Status of Branches Annex A:

There are 3 Branches without sending Minutes or clerical errors for the Branch Annex A.

Eight branches with no Annex A submitted.

Status on Policy Book, Questionnaire and Minutes

District A 24 BRANCH

Branch 123 Whycocomagh requires all above.

District B 12 BRANCH

Branch 046 Chedabucto requires Policy Book and Minutes.

Branch 056 Sherbrooke requires all above.

Branch 059 Arras requires Questionnaire and minutes.

Branch 081 Guysborough requires all above.

District C 14 BRANCH

Branch 045 Parrsboro Requires all above.

Branch 064 Tatamagouche Requires all above.

Branch 070 Stewiacke Requires all above.

District D 15 BRANCH

Branch 069 Ortona requires Questionnaire and Minutes.

Branch 073 Habitant requires all above.

Branch 001 Middleton Requires all above.

Branch 033 Bridgetown Requires all above.

Branch 122 Clementsport Requires all above.

Branch 20 Digby Requires all above.

Status on Policy Book, Questionnaire and Minutes

District E 14 BRANCH

Branch 061 Yarmouth Requires Minutes send in the wrong ones.

Branch 66 West Pubnico Requires all above.

Branch 148 Cape Sable Requires all above.

District F 21 BRANCH

Branch 129 White Ensign Requires all above.

Branch 142 Fairview Requires all above.

Branch 15 Earl Francis Spryfield Requires Questionnaire.

Branch 153 Atlantic requires Questionnaire.

District G 2 BRANCH

Branch 169 Rankin Inlet requires Questionnaire and Minutes.

Comrades , it has been over 6 years since Annex A and the Standardized Branch By-laws were approved at the Truro Convention.

It is the responsibility of the branch to submit a branch **Policy Book, Questionnaire and Minutes** related to the approval of the Policy book. Comrades, it is time to get this done, it takes a lot of time from individuals trying to get branches to cooperate.

SO, LETS GET IT DONE

Submitted by

Harry Jackson

Constitution & Law Chair

NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND BYLAWS AND **POLICY** AMENDMENT/ADDITION FORM

The following form is to be used by the C&L Committee when creating amendments/additions to the Command ByLaws or Policy manuals. Amendments/additions will be presented to the Executive Council for approval.

ONLY ONE (1) AMENDMENT PER PAGE.

EXISTING BYLAW/**POLICY** PROPOSED AMENDMENT/ADDITION

EXISTING BYLAW/ POLICY	PROPOSED AMENDMENT/ADDITION
<p>Constitution and By-Laws Committee – Terms of Reference</p> <p>The Committee shall consist of the 1st Vice President as Chairman, 2nd Vice President and one or more members as deemed by the President.</p> <p>The Committee shall meet three times yearly after ensuring all Legion Branches are notified, in advance, of these meetings and the deadline for submissions.</p> <p>The Committee shall review and approve or reject all Branch By-laws and Amendments that shall be submitted to Provincial Command. Upon approval from Command, these By-laws become effective at the Legion Branches. All submission must be on the By-laws Amendment/Changes form as per Policy book.</p> <p>The Committee must ensure that no Branch By-law contradicts Dominion or Provincial Command By-laws or Policies.</p> <p>The Committee may recommend changes in the wording of By-laws submitted.</p> <p>The Committee is responsible for Provincial Command By-laws and must ensure that all new By-laws and Amendments are presented to Provincial Command Convention for approval. Upon approval by the Convention, the By-laws shall be forwarded to the Dominion Command Constitution and By-laws Committee for approval, to become effective.</p> <p>The Committee is responsible for the Provincial Command Policy book by ensuring all Policies that are deemed necessary, by the Executive Council, are published in the Policy book and any Amendments are processed.</p>	<p>Constitution and By-Laws Committee - Terms of Reference</p> <p>The Committee shall consist of the 1st Vice President as Chairman, 2nd Vice President and one or more members as deemed by the President.</p> <p>The Committee shall meet at least three times yearly after ensuring all Legion Branches are notified, in advance, of these meetings and the deadline for submissions.</p> <p>The Committee shall review or reject all Branch policies and Amendments that shall be submitted to Provincial Command. Upon notice that the C & L Committee have reviewed them, these policies become effective at the Legion Branches. All submissions must be on the Notice of Amendment form as per Command Policy book.</p> <p>Annex A amendments are to be submitted to Provincial Command for approval, so they are in line with the Standardized By-Laws.</p> <p>The Committee must ensure that no Branch policies contradict Dominion or Provincial Command By-laws or Policies.</p> <p>The Committee may recommend changes in the wording of policies submitted.</p> <p>The Committee is responsible for Provincial Command By-laws and must ensure that all new By-laws and Amendments are presented to Provincial Command Convention for approval. Upon approval by the Convention, the By-laws shall be forwarded to the Dominion Command Constitution and By-laws Committee for approval, to become effective.</p> <p>The Committee is responsible for the Provincial Command Policy book by ensuring all Policies that are</p>

	deemed necessary by the Executive Council, are published in the Policy book and any Amendments are processed.
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The amendments/additions to NS/NU Command Bylaws/Policies were approved at the C&L Comm. meeting held: _____ by electronic vote September 3, 2025 _____

It was Moved by Comrade__ Joanne Geddes _____

Seconded by Comrade ____ Ron Langevin _____

NS/NU Command C&L Committee Chairman__ Harry Jackson _____

Branch Name and #:

**Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
Notice of Amendment to Branch Policy Book**

This form is to be utilized when amendments/additions are made to Branch Policy Manuals.

(ONLY ONE (1) AMENDMENT PER PAGE.)

EXISTING POLICY

PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT

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The amendment/changes to this BRANCH POLICY were proposed according to Standardized Bylaws Art. XII and approved by two-thirds majority at a branch general meeting held:

Date:

It was moved by: Comrade

Second by: Comrade

Branch President: Comrade

Branch Secretary: Comrade

Received for Review by NS/NU Command Constitution & Law
Committee Present Chair Comrade _____

Date:

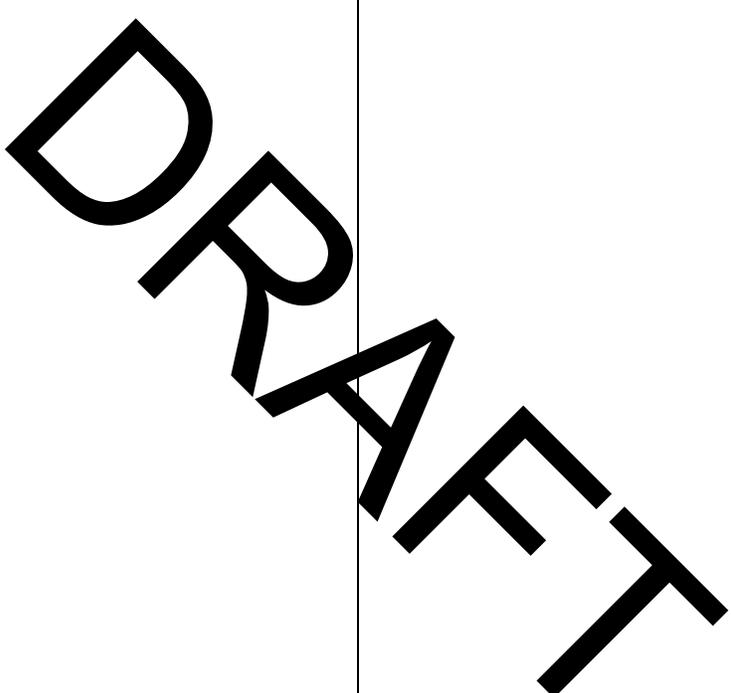
**NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND
BRANCH AMENDMENT FORM - ANNEX A**

The following form is to be used by Branches when they wish to make amendments to the selected dropdown choices on the Annex A (pertaining to the Standardized Branch Bylaws).

ONLY ONE (1) AMENDMENT PER PAGE.

EXISTING ANNEX A DROPDOWN SELECTION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

	
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The amendment as outlined above was approved at the Branch General Meeting held
Please attach a signed copy of the meeting minutes

It was moved by Comrade _____

Second by Comrade _____

Branch President Comrade _____

Approved:

Date:

NS/NU Command Constitution and Law

Committee Chair _____

Ritual, Awards & Protocol Report

Chair – Comrade Joanne Geddes
Member Comrade Andre Boudreau
Member – Comrade Tom McCormack

Member – Comrade John Quilty
Member – Comrade Don McCumber
Member – Jane Scott

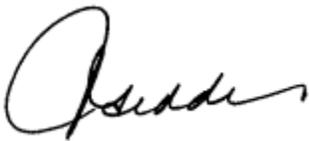
The Committee normally meets on the first Tuesday of the month via Zoom. We held meetings in July, August and there is one scheduled for 16 September. In July there were 5 Life Memberships approved and in August there was 2 Life Memberships, 1 Friendship Award and 1 Palm Leaf approved.

Several of these applications were approved conditionally (on obtaining proper documentation to complete the applications). It should be noted that in the Terms of Reference for our Zone Commanders it states ***“The Zone Commander shall sign all major award applications such as MSM, Palm Leaf, Life etc., if they approve the awarding, before being sent to the Command Honours and Awards Committee for review. A copy shall be sent to the District Commander for information.”*** Only in exceptional circumstances should the District Commander be signing off on the applications. This is not always the practice in all Zones/Districts and the committee would like to gently remind everyone of this policy.

It is also apparent that the Major Awards Checklist is not being used before sending in applications hence the need to conditionally approve applications. This is not a good business practice as it results in unnecessary delays of deserving awards. All efforts must be made to correct this. The Committee is looking at step-by-step instructions for Branches and the revising of the Checklists to assist the Branches/Zone Commanders when submitting application(s). More to follow on this.

I would like to thank the committee members for their hard work; your contributions are invaluable to our success. A special thank you to Comrade Jane for all her expertise, knowledge and patience, it is truly appreciated. I would also like to thank the Branches that are working hard to acknowledge and recognize their members. I was surprised to see that there are many Branches that have not made any applications in several years. If assistance or training is required, please do not hesitate to reach out and let your Zone/District Commanders know and together we will do our utmost to get you the assistance needed.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Geddes
Grand Parade Chair

Leadership and Development
Committee Report – September 2025

At my suggestion, the President limited the L&D Committee to myself and Jane Scott as secretary.

The terms of the L&D Committee is to assist in the preparation and conduct of education programs designed to provide knowledge and skills to comrades. This is traditionally done at the request of districts, zones and branches. But in, most instances, districts, zones and branches have the ability to and are conducting training using internal resources. Therefore, the focus of the Committee will be:

1. to create an L&D page on the Command website, as a resource library where people can access information to meet their training needs
2. to ask comrades with special interest, knowledge or skills to undertake individual projects and the Committee with assist with production and publication
3. to encourage districts, zones and branches to submit their training material to the Committee for possible inclusion in the Library.
4. to use technology to our advantage in preparing and publishing information; such as video editing, YouTube and the like

The Committee already has some precises and presentations and is editing a video presentation on. Soon we hope to launch the Library page. However, districts and zones are encouraged to send the Committee any training material that they prepare and ask if there is any help they need.

Glen Leduc
Leadership and Development Committee

Legion Magazine Representative

legion magazine representative. Total submissions 21

I had 7 rejected. 3 were for pixels and two for news items. 1 because subject had passed away, and 1 for not enough information. I was able to fix the pixels problem, sent message to resend 1 with the information wanted. . those accepted have been saved but with only 2 allowed, it may take a while to see them. I only started the 25th of June. Hopefully my next report will be better.

Comrade Mary Phillips,
Branch 128 Whitney Pier legion.

Membership Report September 4, 2025

Members:

NSNU Command Membership voting to August 31st is 15,519 voting, 18,339 previous years.
We have 657 life, 4320 ordinary, 7938 associate, affiliate voting 2604 and affiliate non-voting 80.

To join the legion, it simple as you can do online and even now get the new digital membership card.
Also, you can pay for multiple years.

Total members in Dominion Command voting members as of August 31st is 225,677 for 2025 so far,
268,839 were last years voting.

If you are not signed in to the membership portal, I recommend that you remind your districts to do, as
you can update your profile, see membership statics for your branch and other branches in our command
plus every other command. You can see different membership categories, along with the numbers of
members from previous year.

Lorne MacDonald
Membership Chairman
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command

Personnel Report for Sept 27,2025

Chair Comrade, Harry Jackson

2nd VP Comrade, Joanne Geddes

Treasure, Comrade Gilbert

President, Comrade George Della Valle

Secretary, ED Carrie Hogan

Comrades

The daily operations are running smoothy under the new Executive Director. Many thanks to our existing staff Jane, Brenda and Bethany for all their guidance, dedication and assistance in the Command office over the past 9 months and to all of us. It's been a struggle to fill the second service officer position. Further additions to this report will be given at the Executive Council meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Harry Jackson

Chairman/ 1st VP

NS/NU Command

Poppy and Remembrance Report
for meeting 27 Sept 2025

26 Aug 2025

We have had a lot of Special use Forms approved.

Several have been refused because they did not meet the requirements.

Some Legions are still confused on how and when to submit a Special use Form.

Our Executive Director Carrie Hogan is gradually reviewing all of 2024 Poppy reports and is getting the required information and Special use Forms to finalize them.

This is my Report submitted for meeting on 27 Sept 2025

André V. Boudreau CD,
Chairman Poppy and Remembrance Committee

REPORT OF THE NS/NU COMMAND
PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Ron Langevin - Chair
Joanne Geddes – Member
Executive Director – Member
Clerk – Secretary

Our 57th Biannual Convention was held in Antigonish, Nova Scotia at the Arras, Legion Branch 59, May 16th-19th 2025. We like to acknowledge the LAC. Their organizational and supportive manner was exemplary throughout the convention.

The convention was well attended by delegates from across Nova Scotia including our comrades from Nunavut and Rankin Inlet. During the convention a President's Reception Dinner was held which was greatly appreciated by all that attended. After the dinner a majority of the delegates indicated they wished to see it held at future Conventions.

During the Committee Reports a Legion Centenary Power Point Presentation was giving outlining NS/NU Commands proposed events and sufficient events outlined by Dominion Command for 2026.

Legion week will be held 21th – 27th of September. It is a time when the legions from coast to coast to coast will hold community events demonstrating their tireless efforts in support their veterans and their communities. In September prior to Legion Week, Dominion Command will begin distributing Centenary merchandise through the various Provincial Commands.

Recognition of National Initiatives, Camp Hill's annual Veterans' Week Candlelight Ceremony will be held on November 5, 2025. Grand President Ronald T. Trowsdale will present Command and recite the Act of Remembrance.

There will be a dedication service at Great Village, Branch 72, to honour four aircrew members that were killed in the crashed of their Lockheed Hudson aircraft shortly after taking off on October 23, 1941. The service will be held on Saturday, September 20th at 14:00. The service will be followed with a meet and greet at their legion.

Once again we find ourselves thanking Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte for standing in temporally as our Executive Director earlier this year. We would very much also like to welcome aboard our new Executive Director, Carrie Hogan.

The first Poppy will presented to His Honourable Mike Savage the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia on the 20th, October 2025 by NS/NU Command President George Della-Valle.

A reminder to all branches that the 2025 Poppy Campaign will start on the last Friday of October.

In Your Comradeship,

Ron Langevin

Grand Parade Report

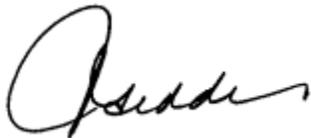
Committee Chair – Comrade Joanne Geddes
Member – Comrade Tom McCormack
Member – Comrade Tom Young
Member – Vimy Branch 27 Representative
Member – White Ensign Branch 129 Representative
Member – Jane Scott

Contact has been made with the CFB Halifax Ceremonial Office and plans are underway.

Since we were not successful in getting Veterans from other organizations to help with the Colour Party last year, a request was made and approved by Executive Council for a limited amount of funding to assist with getting 8 members from Branches across the Province to participate in the Provincial Ceremony. An ABMO will be sent out shortly. Preparations are underway to obtain the permit and confirming the attendance of an elder for the Smudging Ceremony, Cadets, piper, bugler and a youth to respond to the Act of Remembrance.

Comrades Glen and Yvonne Leduc have graciously advised the Chair that they will assist as much as they can for the ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Geddes
Grand Parade Chair

Command Sport and Track & Field Report for Sept 27,2025

Committee: Harry Jackson Chair

Murry Dawson - Cribbage Coordinator

Edger Dowell – 8-Ball Coordinator

Harry Jackson - Dart & Track and Field Coordinator

Up and coming events for 2026.

Command Cribbage first weekend on March 7 – Held in Mount Uniacke Branch #165

Command Darts second weekend in March 14 & 15 Held in Kingston Branch # 98

Command 8-Ball Last weekend in March 28 & 29 Held in Mount Uniacke Branch #165

ABMO will be sent out later in the fall or early in the new year.

Track & Field: Attach are the reports from the Head Coach and Head Chaperone. They give a full view of the time that the tryout starts to the end of the National Championship. Please read this report.

Harry Jackson

Sport Chair

Head Coach's Report

47th Legion National Championships – Calgary

Submitted by Terry Sweeney

1. Team Selection Process

The selection of Team Nova Scotia for the Legion National Championships was executed seamlessly thanks to the leadership of **Kirk Jessome**, Technical Director for Athletics Nova Scotia. Kirk implemented an ideal selection program that ranked athletes based on pre-established criteria entered into the system. This transparent and data-driven approach ensured fairness and clarity, with no concerns raised by parents or athletes regarding team selection.

2. Legion Training Camp Highlights

The Legion training camp was a vital preparatory step for our athletes. Key components included:

- **Athlete & Coach Introductions:** A warm welcome and orientation helped build team cohesion from the outset.
- **High Performance Briefing:** Delivered by Kirk Jessome and **Rich Leamon** (Head Coach, Dalhousie University), this session set the tone for elite competition.
- **Motivational Videos:** These inspired athletes to embrace the challenge of competing on the national stage.

a. Uniform Distribution

Before testing began, team uniforms were distributed outside the East Dartmouth Community Centre. The pleasant weather allowed athletes to try on gear and make necessary exchanges. This moment also gave us our first team photo, which was enthusiastically received on social media.

b. Lunch

Athletics Nova Scotia generously provided lunch from Mezza. While the meal was excellent, a significant amount of food remained. Future camps may benefit from more tailored catering quantities.

c. Athlete Testing

Testing was conducted by RW Performance and went smoothly, though it was time-consuming and disrupted the training flow. A recommendation for future camps is to hold testing on a separate day prior to camp. This would allow time to analyze results and provide athletes with targeted feedback to improve identified weaknesses.

d. Event Group Training

Following testing, athletes broke into event groups to begin working with their Legion coaches. This was a critical step in building rapport and refining event-specific preparation.

3. Coaching Excellence

The coaching staff for this year's championships was exceptional. Each coach was empowered to lead their respective event groups and make decisions to optimize athlete performance.

- **Drew Erskine (Throws):** Maintained a balanced approach, keeping athletes grounded and focused.
- **Ian MacDonald (Middle & Long Distance):** Provided strong mental preparation, contributing to outstanding performances.
- **Ryan Elmore & Trevor Boudreau (Sprints & Relays):** As dual-role chaperones and coaches, they prepared athletes for peak performance, resulting in numerous PBs, medals, and provincial records.
- **Bridget Deveau (Jumps, Hurdles & Multi-Events):** Delivered exceptional support and guidance, often working long hours to ensure athletes were competition ready. Her group also achieved multiple PBs and podium finishes.

Daily Coaching Wrap-Ups

I held informal coaching meetings each day to gather feedback and assess athlete well-being. These insights helped us adapt and provide the best possible support. Evening wrap-up sessions with the full support team and athletes celebrated daily achievements and reinforced the message: our athletes belonged on this national stage and could compete with Canada's best.

Teams Success

10 Medals

Medalists

Nic Blois - U16 Hammer Gold

Taylor Demone - U18 Long Jump Gold

Bowen Taylor - U16 Discus Silver, U16 Shot Put Silver

Jay Shreve - U18 3000m Racewalk Silver

U16 Women - Medley Relay Silver (K. Mead, D. Goodland, E. Knock, E. Laycock)

Kaitlynne Mead - U16 100m Bronze, U16 300m Bronze

Chase McDermott - U18 100m Bronze

Anna Carruthers - U18 3000m Bronze

Top 8 Finishes

Doris Goodland - 6th in U16 100m, 5th in 200m

Ben Sommers - 7th in U16 100mH

Kaitlynne Mead - 6th in U16 200m

Chase Forrest - 7th in U16 300m

Gavin MacCallum - 7th in U16 Steeplechase

Ada Barnett - 7th in U16 2000m
Bianca Grossi - 4th in U18 3000m
Armani Berry - 4th in U16 Javelin, 8th in Discus
Belle Pierrard - 5th in U16 Discus
Ryker Durning - 6th in U18 Hammer
Myka Wilson - 8th in U18 High Jump, 8th in Long Jump, 8th in Triple Jump
Pierce MacKenzie - 5th in U16 Triple Jump
Parker Finigan - 8th in U16 Triple Jump
Marley Eisner - 8th in U18 Heptathlon
Eleya Brooks - 5th in U18 Javelin

Provincial Records

Taylor Demone - 7.10m U18 Long Jump (U18 and U20 records)
LAST RECORD held by Howie Jackson in 1964 - a 61 YEAR OLD RECORD BROKEN

U16 Women's Medley - 4:09.28
LAST RECORD held by the NS/NU Legion Team in 1984 - a 41 YEAR OLD RECORD BROKEN

Kaitlynn Mead - 40.25 U16 300m - breaks her own record from earlier this year

Kaitlynn Mead - 12.13 (1.2) U16 100m - breaks her own record from earlier this year

Ben Sommers - 14.48 (1.2) U16 100mH
LAST RECORD held by Chris Smith in 1985 - a 40 YEAR RECORD BROKEN

U18 Mens 4x100 Relay - 42.70 (T. Demone; E. Adaramodu; Q. Campbell; C. McDermott) -
LAST Record held by the Legion Team in 1998 - a 27 YEAR RECORD BROKEN

4. Event Support & Organization

The support provided by **Harry Jackson**, NS / NU Command Representative, was outstanding. Harry ensured athletes had everything they needed to properly prepare for their events, and his presence was a tremendous asset to the team.

The **Dominion Command** also did an exceptional job in delivering clear and concise information throughout the event, helping streamline logistics and communication.

Working with **Emily Gentes**, the Senior Program Officer, was an absolute pleasure. She responded quickly to any concerns and made necessary changes with efficiency and grace. Her professionalism and dedication were evident in every interaction.

This year's **Legion chaperones** were exceptional. **Anitra Stevens**, serving as Head Chaperone, and **Marjorie Schmidt**, whose wealth of experience and knowledge was invaluable, made the entire event run flawlessly. Their leadership and attention to detail ensured a smooth experience for athletes and staff alike.

In addition, **Ryan Elmore** and **Trevor Boudreau** not only fulfilled their chaperone duties but also stepped into coaching roles, contributing significantly to the team's success. Their dual involvement elevated the level of support and cohesion across the board.

Altogether, this was one of the most **cohesive and effective support teams** I've had the pleasure of working with. The **entire track staff** deserves recognition for their flexibility and commitment, accommodating last-minute changes and working tirelessly to ensure the athletes had a memorable and positive experience.

From start to finish, the **entire organization** operated with class and excellence, creating an atmosphere that truly celebrated youth athletics and made this championship unforgettable for all involved.

September 27, 2025

Trustees Report

Submitted by

Chairman Mel Crowe

Member Marion Fryday-Cook

The committee completed the 2025 inventory at NS/NU Command Office on July 28, 2025. The inventory sheets were upgraded from 2024 and the lists were completed as the items were registered. The lists will be sorted in locations found in the 2025 inventory list. The photos will correspond with the inventory sheets and the lists will be placed in the inventory file at Command Office.

We removed old equipment from inventory to be disposed of which will include some outdated electronics along with broken furniture, damaged filing cabinets and shelving that we consider unsafe. Because of the unsafe nature of the shelving, we consider this issue to be a liability to this command. This was recommended for replacement in our report from 2024 and we hope that is issue can be resolved by executive Council.

For the Executive Directors office, we recommend that the 2 lateral filing cabinets be replaced as they are damaged, and are unable to be lock, which poses a privacy and security issue.

We thankful for the Executive Director Carrie Hogan and Executive Assistant Jane Scott for their most valuable assistance during this process.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Crowe Chairman

Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Veteran Outreach Program

Committee Report to Executive Council August 18/25

Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte		Chairman
Steve MacLellan	District A	Member
Jenny MacDonald	District B	Member
Jeremy Dobson	District C	Member
Greg Zwicker	District D	Member
Ann Mech	District E	Member
John Quilty	District F	Member
Carrie Hogan	Executive Director	Member/Secretary

The Veteran Outreach Program's mission is to provide enrichment to Veterans lives through connection to recovery oriented care, programming, social services and peer support by fostering and forming mutually supportive partnerships with Branches, established community resources, health care professionals, all levels of government and like-minded individuals.

The Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Veteran Outreach Program Committee met June 24 2025.

Several current Veteran Outreach support programs such as OSISS family peer support, Heroes Mending on the Fly, Veteran Farm Project, Paws Fur Thought, and the BSO/OSI Special Section RCL were explained and Buddy Check Coffee were all reviewed.

The Committee members committed to enhancing collaboration with Branches and Veteran centric organizations; to seek input from each District in order to develop potential programming and to identify geographical areas whereby Veterans may be better served through new or expanded programming.

Committee Members were tasked with contacting each Branch President within their Districts to ascertain current Veteran Outreach programs/activities and to seek input from the greater Veteran and family community. Findings will be submitted September 10 for circulation prior to the next Committee meeting of Wednesday September 17 11:00 am.

Should time allow, an update to this report, following the September 17 Committee meeting will be provided to Executive Council at its' meeting September 27, 2025.

Input from Members of Executive Council on potential programming would be most welcome.

As Committee Chairman, I extend thanks to NS/NU Command President Della Valle, former Committee Chairman, for the appointment and the latitude to form the Committee.

We look forward to a productive term advancing Veteran Outreach programs within our Command.

Respectfully Submitted

Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte
Chairman
Veteran Outreach Program Committee
Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion

VETERANS SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SEPT 2025

Project update:

- Submissions from branches and individuals amounted to only 30 Veterans for 2025
- Deadline for submissions closed on 31 August
- Only 1000 hard copies will be available for distribution starting this edition
- Book will be available as a digital flip open version on our website
- Refer to general revenue statement for revenue earned for the current edition

In closing, I will end this report as I always do; your branch should support this project, ***Our Veterans deserve no less!***

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Wessel, VSRB Chairman / Editor

VETERANS SERVICES & SENIORS

September 2025

The Royal Canadian Legion Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command is represented on the Seniors' Advisory Council of Nova Scotia. There are nine organizations, with two representatives from each organization that form the Council.

The nine organizations may be listed as follows:

1. C.A.R.P. – Nova Scotia Chapter of the Canadian Association of Retired Persons.
2. Community Links
3. Nova Scotia Federation of Seniors (NSFS)
4. National Association of Federal Retirees (NAFR)
5. Nova Scotia Government Retired Employees' Association (NSGREAA)
6. Regroupement Des Aines De La Nouvelle -Ecosse (RANE)
7. Retired Teachers' Organization of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (RTO-NSTU)
8. Royal Canadian Legion, Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command
9. Senior and Retired Doctors Nova Scotia (RDNS)

The two appointees from the R.C.L. NS/NU Command are the Reverend Canon David Fletcher and Comrade John Langley.

The Seniors' Advisory Council of Nova Scotia meets once a month except for July and August, at the pleasure of the Minister of Seniors and Long – Term Care, the Honorable Barbara Adams.

Since our summer break has just ended, we are now rested and organized to proceed at full speed ahead.

Already I have completed a survey for CARP on Nova Scotia Seniors' environmental interests and a survey for NS Health & Wellness on Falls/Frailty prevention Supports/Services/Programs in Nova Scotia.

On May 22nd and 23rd 2025 the Seniors Advisory Council engaged the services of Larry MacEachern, facilitator and strategist to help us articulate our priorities and to optimize our values to those whom we serve.

If any Veteran, Legion member, Branch or Command has any concerns, questions or recommendations they would like to see addressed please let me know and I will be pleased to see that they are addressed.

Our first meeting for the 2025 – 2026 season is scheduled for 25 September 2025.

I respectfully submit my report

John Langley

Zone 3 Commander / Veterans Services and Seniors

21 August 2025

REPORT OF THE NS/NU COMMAND

CENTENARY COMMITTEE

Ron Langevin
Joanne Jackson
Conrad Gilbert
Clarence Dawe, District A
Lorne MacDonald, District B
Vacant, District C
Ken Babcock, District D
Andre Boudreau, District E
Tom McCormack, District F
Cliff Laurin, District G
Gary Silliker

GENERAL

In 2026 all legionnaires across Canada from coast, to coast, to coast will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. During this time we have witnessed to many conflicts around the world that has put our men and women in uniform in harm's way.

The legion has stood steadfast behind our men in women in uniform and their families assisting them through our numerous programs, Remembrance Day Ceremonies and through our Branch, Provincial and Dominion Service Officers. In 2026 we will not only celebrate 100th year of our existence, but we will also consider our accomplishments as a National Organization.

Our Centenary Committee along with the LAC Committee at branch 59 in Antigonish has organized a Presidents Reception Dinner so that we can gather as a Command in comradeship to kick start this monumental event. Over the next 7 months our committee in conjunction with our events throughout Nova Scotia and Nunavut Districts, Zones and Branches will work diligently planning; highlighting significant events by all arms of our Command. Through a coordinated effort we hope to avoid as much conflict as possible to

ensure maximum participation by our Command Executive Council, members and the public. During our convention, Dominion Command provided us with a presentation on the National Centenary plan of action. There is no doubt after viewing the presentation it has assisted our committee in enhancing our plans for the Centenary celebration here in Nova Scotia, Nunavut and Rankin Inlet.

Proposed Locations for NS/NU Command Centenary Parade and Reception

Presently we are looking at the Halifax waterfront (Boardwalk) for the parade. However we are still looking for a few other alternate locations. For the reception we will be conducting site visits to Juno Towers including the Bridge, Halifax Citadel, Army Museum and 12 Wing Shearwater.

Significant Events and Dates

Legion Week, 21st - 27th September, 2025,
Dominion Convention (Winnipeg) 22nd - 26th August, 2026,
Nova Scotia Centenary Parade and Reception 17th July 2026,
Please note we will have 10 months to plan and execute the NS/NU Centenary Celebrations.

Yours in Comradeship,
Ron Langevin

Branch Guidance Committee
September 2025 Executive Council

Submitted by members:

Mel Crowe
Marion Fryday-Cook
Valerie Mitchell-Veniotte

To date, the committee has assisted one Branch.
We stand ready at the call of President Della Valle.

Marion Fryday-Cook
Past President
The Royal Canadian Legion
NS/NU Command

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION – NS/NU REPRESENTATIVE

September 2025



Equity We ensure that everyone is treated fairly and has equal opportunities based on the individual's or group's needs.

Diversity We welcome everyone and represent people with different genders, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability, education etc.

Inclusion We want everyone to feel safe, respected and empowered to succeed. It's about freedom to be your true self at work.

The Royal Canadian legion is committed to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Our Dominion President Berkley Lawrence has stated that "The Royal Canadian Legion strives to embed EDI into the cultures at all levels of the RCL from our Branches and members to Dominion Command and from Dominion command to our Branches and members. We empower members, Branches, Provincial Commands/ Special Sections and Dominion Command to build EDI plans and initiatives, not only for our members, but also for our employees and clients that may or may not be Legion members."

At the 57th Nova Scotia / Nunavut Command Convention held in May 2025 I willingly presented a power point presentation on EDI because of how I feel about its concept, and these are a few examples:

1. EDI is a concept that I strongly believe in.
2. I know it is hurtful to an individual if the idea of EDI is not followed
3. I know there are long-term consequences if organizations ignore EDI.
4. Targeted, prohibited or illegal behaviour or unacceptable conduct can harm others and may create an unsafe environment.

The goal of the RCL is to project a culture where all Veterans and Legion members feel welcomed and included. Failure to meet that goal will indicate that we are not supportive of all Veterans, nor all non-veteran Legion members.

If a Branch is showing a decline in membership, then they may consider some of these ideas:

- Assess existing branch culture by reviewing internal data such as complaint reports, turnover rates and lack of participation.
- Set objectives and realistic goals related to EDI.
- Actively seek feedback to gain insight into areas where biases or unawareness may influence decisions or behaviours.
- Encourage leaders to be inclusive in their decisions and to model appropriate behaviours.
- Use inclusive language
- What are the long-term consequences if we as an organization ignore EDI initiatives?

I am looking forward to a time when we can have training for Leadership, members and employees to help us develop & implement the values of EDI. Only then will we be poised to become the most highly respected Veteran and Community Service organization.

Policy and direction will be coming from Dominion Command, but in the meantime, we must continue and encourage respectful, professional, value-based behavior, modeling our Public Service values.

I respectfully submit my report

John Langley

Zone 3 Commander / EDI NS/NU Representative

21 August 2025

To: Executive Council
From: DonMcCumber
Chairman/ Long Term Care Beds
Date: September 27/2025

An AMBO has been sent out to all Branches notifying them of the meetings with the Ombud. It is my intent to attend and express our disappointment with the lack of response from our Provincial Authorities as VAC has turned much of the responsibility of admission to LTC with the Provinces. We are seeing a drastic reduction of our Veterans within Units, due to present guidelines for admission. I have asked Branches to send me updated info on the status of Veterans presently housed in Veteran Units within their community. I also intend to bring attention to the resolution on LTC that was adopted by the delegates at our past Dominion Convention. A letter has been sent to the Minister of Veteran Affairs but at this time no action has been taken. I have attached a copy of the letters sent to the Minister by our Dominion President and also the last letter that was sent by me in my past term of office as President to the Premier. I will give an update at our Executive Council Meeting.



7 January 2025

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The Honourable Darren Fisher
Minister of Veterans Affairs
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Dear Minister Fisher:

I am bringing to your attention, the Legion resolution regarding Preferred Admission Beds and Long-Term Care that was passed at our 49th Dominion Convention held in Saint John, NB in August of last year. This resolution is categorized as high priority amongst our almost 270,000 members but please understand that our resolutions from previous Conventions, that have not yet been addressed, are also very important to our members and all veterans and their families.

The entitlement to Priority Access Beds (PABs), or Contract Beds, was terminated with the signing of the Armistice ceasing activities in Korea, July 27, 1953. Decades later in 2014, the Department announced, with the decline of WWII and Korean War and eligibility for Veterans Contract Beds that these beds would be closed as they became vacant.

For many years, the Legion has advocated that the eligibility for Contract Beds be expanded to Veterans who served post 1953 and the Department has refused, part in consideration that the Provincial Health Care authorities are responsible for Long-Term Care and in consideration of the eligibility criteria specifically for WWII and Korean War veterans in the Veterans Health Care Regulations.

There are significant numbers of Veterans who are presently ineligible for Contract Beds under the present criteria. In recent years, the Department introduced the Preferred Admissions Bed program for Veterans who served post 1953 and has developed contracts or agreements with various previously owned veteran hospitals.

We are calling upon the Minister to formally expand and finalize the Preferred Admission Bed program and immediately enter into bilateral negotiations with the

13 Provincial/Territorial Governments to establish agreements that guarantee consistent access to Preferred Admission Beds for all Veterans across the country. So that we may provide our members with timely and accurate information, I am seeking your department's responses to this resolution. The reply will be incorporated in our publication entitled "Comments on Resolutions 49th Dominion Convention 2024", which will be issued in mid-2025. Receipt of your replies in electronic format in both official languages by 1 May 2025 will help ensure an accurate and comprehensive reflection of the departmental position.

Should technical or other questions relating to the process or the specifics of the resolution arise, or if you wish to review past Resolutions from our Conventions, I invite your office to contact Ms. Carolyn Hughes, Veterans Services Director at Dominion Command at 613-591-3335 ext. 231 or by e-mail at chughes@legion.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Berkley Lawrence". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "L".

Berkley Lawrence
Dominion President

Premier Houston

First of all may I congratulate you on your return as Premier of the Nova Scotia Legislature. It is apparent that the citizens of Nova Scotia have faith in your ability to lead and face the challenges during the next term of office.

As you and the Minister of Long Term Care are aware, I as President of Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command have been desperately advocating on behalf of our Veterans and the membership with regards to the loss of available beds that were once dedicated to our Veterans.

Rather than going into lengthy detail of the past, I would like to deal with a fresh start moving forward. I am sure that you would agree we need to support those Veterans that remain from the Second World War and the Korean War as well as others that have served.

I would like to point out that I agree that VAC has the responsibility at present and under their present policy to care for those Veterans that have served in the Second World War and Korean War is a Federal responsibility. The Royal Canadian Legion is trying to change that policy.

However, the Federal Government turned over the responsibility to the Provincial Governments the placement of individuals into these previous Contract Beds when they became vacant, as there were no available qualified Veterans at the time to give preference to these beds. Therefore, we have a situation where many or all previous Contract Beds for Veterans have been lost to Non Veterans.

I realize there is a shortage of Long Term Care Beds for all citizens but we as Legionnaires wish to see the return of Veterans to our Veterans Units, so that the Legions throughout our Province can continue to support these facilities as in past. They have generated millions of dollars into the Health Care System for the purchase of Unit Vans to necessary equipment for use in these facilities and hospitals in general.

Our solution is a simple one.

When a bed becomes available in a Veterans facility that is presently occupied by a non veteran that a Veteran be given preference to that bed. The Province has the ability and direction from VAC to do this.

New criteria for that veteran that does not fall under the policy or care of VAC can be established and we would be willing to assist in establishing those guidelines.

Mr. Premier I ask that representatives from our NS/NU Legion Command have a face to face meeting with yourself or your Minister of Long Term Care or both to discuss the present situation. Our Legion members are very concerned and supportive of this endeavour.

Again, I wish you much success in meeting the challenges of your office.

Regards
Don McCumber
President
Nova Scotia/ Nunavut Command
The Royal Canadian Legion.

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