



# ANAVETS

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### Special Points:

- Veterans Ombudsman
- More support programs for Vets
- 26 Units increase membership

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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## CONVENTION 2010 - 170 YEARS WORKING FOR VETERANS



### Our 50th Biennial convention

went off like clockwork, and from all reports, everyone had a good time. Stratford, of course will never be the same.

In the photo above is shown our proud Comrades passing the reviewing stand. On the left, our special guest, actor, producer and now comedian Paul Gross being escorted by our Honorary President Comrade Gerry Wharton.

Below, recipients of the American Legion Friendship Award proudly showing their wares.



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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Comrades,

The Dominion Membership Committee has been busy over the past few months addressing membership concerns. Since the Stratford convention, I have been in contact with every provincial committee member regarding a variety of issues. As you all have upcoming provincial conventions and will possibly be meeting with your unit counterparts I have outlined a number of items that you could discuss and inform them so that everyone is aware of what we are doing and planning as this committee continues to progress.

First and foremost was the implementation of Resolution #17. (Complimentary memberships) A special committee was formed to deal with this issue. Thus far, we have set down and distributed qualification guidelines, rules and regulations, application forms and a card template to be used by all Units all of which I have again attached. We have contacted DND and have a notification of intent letter addressed to all qualified military personnel which will be placed in their release portfolio. I will keep you informed regarding the final approval and implementation of this part of the project but the complimentary memberships are available to be distributed by the Units and I hope that you encourage all of your Units to have these memberships on hand and available. Many hours were spent in getting this project off the ground. The committee consisted of; Myself, Al Dunham, George Izzard, Jack O'Brien & ex-officio member Deanna Fimrite. I want to thank them all for their time and dedication.



I have recently sent out the "Membership Retention" guide and I am looking forward to your input during the editing, and review process so that it can then be approved, published and sent to all Units.

I am currently working on a pilot project to extend our "Member at Large" program. It will consist of a bulk mailing venture via Canada Post targeting areas which currently have no unit. I will keep you informed as things progress over the next few months. It is my hope that if this pilot project is approved that it will increase our exposure in areas that we don't currently have units as well as bringing in much needed revenue to the Dominion Command that will in turn ease the requirements for increases in per capita tax and assessments.

As for our Dominion membership, we are down 136 members. Although 2010 has been our smallest loss in years, we have ample room for improvement. This is significant as we were down 517 members in 2009 and 745 members in 2008, hence the need for membership retention.

On a brighter note, 26 Units have increased their memberships in 2010. 14 of those have had increases ranging from 2-4 years consecutively. We also have two Commands, BC & Man./NW Ont who have increased in the past fiscal year Congratulations to you all for a job well done!!!

With the help of this committee, I would like to create a questionnaire for those units that have either consistently or dramatically made increases to their membership so that we can possibly find out what strategies have worked for them and then share them nationwide as best practices for the benefits of other units. Once I have created a base questionnaire I will be again asking for your input and ideas so that we can ensure gaining the most useful knowledge from these units.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all for your support and guidance as I serve as your Dominion Membership Chairman. I am looking forward to working with you for the remainder of my term in office and having your cooperation and input so that we may strengthen and improve our communication strategies regarding membership in this great Association.

Please have a successful and productive Provincial Convention and safe travels. If in your meetings with your unit counterparts you come up with any suggestions or items which our units would like us to investigate as a committee, I look forward to hearing from you all after your provincial conventions with any feedback you may receive.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Jerome Burke  
Chairman Membership Committee

# Domminion President's Message

Dear Comrades:

It gives me great pleasure in sending you this message as Dominion Command President. I take this position with great pride knowing we are doing all we can for the heroes that fought for this country so we can live free.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of what I have been doing since I received this position:

-On November 11, 2010, I attended Remembrance Day Services at Unit 217 in New Waterford, Nova Scotia. I laid a wreath at Davis Square in memory of all Veterans.

-On March 21, 2011. I was honoured to lay a wreath at the gravesite of General Hershey at Arlington Cemetery in Washington D.C.

-On April 2, 2011, I attended Anavets Day at Unit 246 in Glace Bay, NS, where there was entertainment for the Veterans.

-On April 9, 2011, I attended Vimy celebrations at Branch 015, New Waterford, NS. It was well attended by Second World War Veterans. The Veterans were transported by limousine from their homes to the legion and others were transported by handicap buses.

On a weekly bases I visit Taigh Na Mara, Harbourview and Harbourstone where Veterans call it home.

I am still involved in the Cape Breton's Veterans Hospital Comfort Fund where 50/50 tickets are sold and the proceeds go to buy things the Veterans need including Christmas gifts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for the volunteer work they are doing in making our organization what it is today and saying that, in order to make it better we need more members. With more members it will be a louder voice when we need something for our Veterans.

Lest We Forget; Yours in Comradeship,




March 21st, 2011 President McKinnon with Jake Comer President of ANAVICUS after laying a wreath at the gravesite of General Hershey at Arlington Cemetery in Washington D.C.



## Public Relations Committee Report

At present the committee is working hard at updating the public relations handbook. This task was undertaken by the committee at the end of our last convention and I am happy to report back to you that we are well into this task. The updating of the manual is more than half way completed and we hope to complete the task by the middle of the summer. We are working hard to keep on schedule to be able to present a draft copy of the manual to the Dominion Executive board at our meeting in Winnipeg in the fall of this year. I would like to thank the members of my committee for their help in the updating of the handbook and look forward to completing this task with them.

Shoulder to Shoulder

Brian Phoenix, Chairman Publicity Committee

## In Memoriam

## LEST WE FORGET

### **John Thompson** (Dec. 3, 2007)

Dominion President; RAF 1951-1962; Award of Merit Holder, Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation recipient; Life Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Harry Adamson** (2007)

RCAF 1939-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Ken Barwise. MM, CD** (March 3, 2008)

2PPCLI Korea, Member, Penticton Unit #97

### **Harold Bastable** (2007)

RCAF 640 Squadron; Member Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Jean Candide Beers** (March 31, 2007)

Member, Steveston Unit #284

### **John Bodnarchuk** (2007)

Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Valerie Brooks** (2007)

Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Roy Leslie Butler** (July 2007)

RCNVR 1944-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Harold Chinn** (2007)

WWII Veteran; Member, Pacific Unit #280

### **Lawrence Charles Collins** (Mar. 4, 2007)

Royal Artillery 1945-1968; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Helen Criag** (2008)

Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Bernie Dann** (2007)

RCAF 1943-1946; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **William Jackson Deagle** (April 30, 2007)

Charter Member, Steveston Unit #284

### **Gerry Dempsey** (June 2007)

Member, Sidney Unit #302

### **Reginald Dixon** (Nov 12, 2007)

WWII Veteran; Member-at-Large

### **Vera Dodd** (August 2007)

Member, Sidney Unit #302

### **Douglas Doyle** (January 2007)

Founding Member, Steveston Unit #284

### **Elaine Drysdale** (Mar. 26, 2008)

WRCNS 1943-1945; President, Vancouver Unit #20; Award of Merit Holder

### **V.E. Duffy** (2007)

Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **George Duncanson** (April 2007)

Member, Sidney Unit #302

### **Thomas E. Dunn** (August 2007)

RCADF 1940-1945; Life Member; Past President, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **George Enge** (July 23, 2007)

Member, Steveston Unit #284

### **Norah Fisher** (2008)

Member, South Vancouver Unit #26

### **Earl Flemington** (2007)

RCAF 1941-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Hughie Gillis** (Sept. 16, 2007)

RCA-WWII Veteran; Member, New Waterford Unit #217; Award of Merit holder

### **Jack Gray** (2007)#

Cameron's; Member, Assiniboia Unit 283

### **Edward Gillette** (July 20, 2007)

RCN; Award of Merit holder, Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation recipient; Member, Saskatoon Unit #38

### **Edith A. Greentree** (2007)

ATS 1943-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Edward Hanney** (May 22, 2007)

RCAF 1946-1966; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Thomas Hargreaves** (2008)

R.C. Sigs 1942-1946 Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Muriel Hauk** (2007)

Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Ellis Hearn** (2008)

Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Noel Hillier** (Sept 13, 2007)

President, Nova Scotia Command, Member, Bras D'or Unit #381, Award of Merit holder

### **James Alexander Ingram** (Jan. 15, 2007)

Past President, BCVCA

### **Carol M. Isfeld, MSM (civil)** (Aug. 15, 2007)

Memorial Cross holder, National Silver Cross Mother 2000, creator of the "Izzy Doll"

### **Barb Iwanchuck** (2007)

Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Bev Jacobsen** (May 11, 2007)

Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Ralph Janisse** (June 1, 2007)

Member, Kelowna Unit #376

### **Mike Kirby** (April 7, 2008)

WWII & Korea Veteran; Life Member, Kingsway Unit #100

### **Mike Kobierski** (Dec. 23, 2007)

RCAF 1941-1945; 1948-1968; Past President & Life Member, Sidney Unit #302

### **Walter Krisko** (March 13, 2007)

Winnipeg Infantry; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### **Eileen Lacroix** (2007)

Member, Steveston Unit #284LA

## In Memoriam

**Donald Lebrun** (July 21, 2007)  
Vice President Ontario Command; Past President,  
Cornwall Unit #342

**Bill Leishman** (January 2007)  
Member, Steveston Unit #284

**On Lim** (2007)  
WWII Veteran; Member, Pacific Unit #280

**John Lowney** (2008)  
Member, East Vancouver Unit #68

**James Ma** (2007)  
WWII Veteran; Member, Pacific Unit #280

**Roy Mah** (2007)  
WWII Veteran; Minister of Veterans Affairs Com-  
mendation recipient; Member, Pacific Unit #280

**Fran McAllister** (May 4, 2007)  
Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Pamela McCaffrey** (December 2007)  
Member, Steveston Unit #284

**Archie McDermid** (2008)  
Member, East Vancouver Unit #68

**John McLaughlin** (April 2007)  
Life Member, Sidney Unit #302

**Ron McPhearson** (2008)  
Member, East Vancouver Unit #68

**John Morrice** (May 11, 2007)  
Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Robert Murie** (2007)  
Royal Navy 1943-1946; Member, Assiniboia Unit  
#283

**Ralph Nicholson** (2007)  
Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**John L. Oxtoby** (Aug. 22, 2007)  
Duke of Wellington Regt 1945-1948; Member-at-Large

**Bert Paisley** (2007)  
RCAF 1942-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Ron Peletier** (December 2007)  
Member, Steveston Unit #284

**Mack Phillips** (2007)  
Army, 1940-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Richard Poirier** (2007)  
Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Penny Porter** (2007)  
Member, Victoria Unit #12

**Bob Ratcliffe** (May 2007)  
Member, Sidney Unit #302

**Graham Rice** (August 2007)  
Member, Sidney Unit #302

## LEST WE FORGET

**John Robertson** (2007)  
50 RD SVC BN; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Ray Rollins** (December 2007)  
Member, Steveston Unit #284

**John Romanik** (2007)  
RCA 1942-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Ernie Siwak** (2007)  
Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**C. Lewis Smith** (Nov. 17, 2007)  
Midland Regt 1942-46; Member-at-Large

**Leonard Spence** (2007)  
RCAF 1956-1982; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Alice Spurgeon** (December, 2007)  
Member, Steveston Unit #284

**Lawrence Steele** (2008)  
RCAF 1951-1961; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Albert Sweet** (April 9, 2008)  
Member, Steveston Unit #284

**Jack Teague** (May 10, 2007)  
RCN 1946-1948; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**John Thiabault** (March 28, 2008)  
Member, Steveston Unit #284; Member BC Colour  
Guard

**Casey Van Demeer** (2008)  
Member, East Vancouver Unit #68

**Archie Wagner** (2007)  
HMCS Chippawa 1944; Member, Assiniboia Unit  
#283

**George Warne** (May 2008)  
Past President, Alexander of Tunis Unit #2

**Ron Wearne** (December 2007)  
Member, Steveston Unit #284

**Raymond Wilkinson** (February 2007)  
Member, Sidney Unit #302

**Sidney Wong** (2007)  
WWII Veteran; Member, Pacific Unit #280

**Mitchell Zooke** (2007)  
RCN 1942-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

### ATTN: ALL UNITS

The Royal Canadian Naval Benevolent Fund is always willing to help eligible ex-naval personnel and their dependants in distress or time of need. Please pass their number on to all ex-naval members and dependants. For more information go to their website at [www.rcnbf.ca](http://www.rcnbf.ca) or call toll free 1-888-557-8777

## COMMAND & UNIT NEWS



Mary McLeod is shown receiving an Honorary Life Membership, on her retirement during their convention in April. Mary has been the BC Provincial Secretary for over 30 years.

Shown are the newly elected members of the BC Command executive:

From right to left: Immediate Past President: Bill Calvert, President: Shirley Aldridge, 1st Vice President: Bruce Wight, 2nd Vice President: Lou Mazur, Mary McLeod, and 3rd Vice President: John Beugeling

### A Special Gift for Veterans Care



Bob Cassels of the ANAF Ontario Command is joined by his colleagues Sandy Kelly, Shirley White, and Peter Young in presenting a special gift to the Veterans care program. A donation of \$7,000 was made just before Christmas and celebrated as part of the 2010 Season of Celebration campaign. The gift will be used to purchase equipment and comfort items for Veterans receiving care at Parkwood Hospital. The donation was recognized during the Christmas season with special *lights of caring* on the Veterans Tree of Caring located at Parkwood Hospital.



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## Constitution Committee Report

### Comrades:



It gives me great pleasure to serve as the Constitution Committee Chairman. I must say this past few months have been a learning experience for me. There have been some minor problems across the country that had to be dealt with. With the help of the Dominion Office staff, I

think they were handled expediently to every ones satisfaction.

After the convention I was asked to draft up a set of sample Unit By-Laws that all Units could use as a guide when writing or re-writing their By-Laws. The intent of reformatting Unit bylaws is to take out the areas already covered by both Dominion and Provincial Bylaws. This will simplify the creation of Unit bylaws, and eliminate duplication and erroneous interpretation at the Unit level. If you are considering rewriting your Unit bylaws in the interim, please call the Dominion office for direction.

The committee has been asked to draft a Resolution to be brought to the next convention that would reduce the number of Dominion Vice Presidents from 7 to 3. Some committee members do not feel that they should be involved with a Resolution such as this as they have to vote on it twice at Convention, once at Committee and again when it comes to the floor. Some of the concerns are, how do we do this and still have equal representation across the country, do we need to reduce by that many, who picks up the work load? The idea of reducing the V.P is not new. Every time it has come to the convention floor in the past it has been defeated. I hope to have some ideas to put before the Dominion Board at the meeting this fall.

If any members have thoughts on the pre mentioned subjects, please contact me with your ideas at car.way@shaw.ca. I would be happy to hear them and all ideas will be considered.

At this time I would like to thank Lorne and Deanna in the office for all the help they have given me these last few months.

Yours in comradeship

Wayne Bourget, Constitution Committee Chair.

## The following 26 units increased their membership in 2007.

Congratulations and well done to all of you. You're obviously working hard at your membership and it is paying off! Take a bow! :)



### Unit Name & Number

### City, Command

Vernon Unit #5	Vernon, BC
<b>Ucluelet Unit #293</b>	Ucluelet, BC
Vancouver Unit #20	Vancouver, BC
East Vancouver Unit #68	Vancouver, BC
Penticton Unit #97	Penticton, BC
N. Kamloops Unit #290	Kamloops, BC
Taurus Unit #298	Vancouver, BC
Matsqui Unit #315	Mount Lehman, BC
Maple Ridge Unit #379	Maple Ridge, BC
<b>Lennoxville, Unit #318</b>	Lennoxville, QC
Grande Prairie Unit #389	Grande Prairie, AB
<b>Portage La Prairie Unit #13</b>	Portage La Prairie, MB & NW Ont.
Assiniboia Unit #283	Winnipeg, MB & NW Ont.
<b>Simcoe Unit #255</b>	Simcoe, ON
<b>Guelph Unit #344</b>	Guelph, ON
London Unit #229	London, ON
Stratford Unit #261	Stratford, ON
Owls Unit #306	Toronto, ON
2/10th Dragoons Unit #341	Brantford, ON
Cornwall Unit #342	Cornwall, ON
<b>New Waterford, Unit #217</b>	New Waterford, NS
<b>Citadel, Unit #373</b>	Halifax, NS
<b>Bras D'Or, Unit #381</b>	Bras D'Or, NS
Glace Bay Unit #246	Glace Bay, NS
Saskatoon Unit #38	Saskatoon, SK
<b>Woodstock, Unit #95</b>	Woodstock, NB

Units in **Bold** were on last years list as well. **DOUBLE CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU! ALSO A BIG CONGRATS OUT TO NOVA SCOTIA COMMAND WHO INCREASED THEIR MEMBERSHIP OVERALL AGAIN IN 2007.**

We hope to see the name of YOUR Unit on this list next year, so get involved and see what you can do to increase awareness and membership in your community. Remember that many hands make light work.

## ANAVETS CADET MEDAL OF MERIT 2007 RECIPIENTS

Cadet Names	Cadet Corps/Squadron
Jasmine Bishop	RCSCC 166
Juliette Dupre	RCSCC 269
Adelle Babin	RCSCC 235
Nathan Mayo	RCSCC 245
Frida Misago	RCACC 3006
Matthew Snodgrass	RCACC 1691
Caitlyn Cavanaugh-Dollard	RCACC 2444
Chad Cook	RCACC 2415
Richard Gillis	RCACC 2632
Jolissa Valstar	RCACC 2904
Dallas Buhr	RCACC 2701
Oonagh Hagan	1st North Ireland Battalion
Michelle Belanger	RCACS 66
Mohamad Iskandarani	RCACC 2404
Zach Lanoue	RCACC 2824
Rodney Earl	RCACS 243
Azwin Lam	RCACS 135
Steven Dammann	RCACS 902
Crystal Rose	RCACC 2918
Wesley Pratt	RCACS 742
Fenton Corey	RCACS 333
Chantel Galati	RCACC 1944
Larinda Crowder	RCSCC 25
Jeffery Consul	RCACS 124
Andrew Tattrie	RCACS 569
Kenneth Pyke	RCACS 18
Tyler Kragh	RCACS 147
Jessica Rodger	RCACS 386
Danielle Easton	RCSCC 137
Shane O'Neill-Leveque	RCSCC 205
Jonathan Timmins	RCSCC 221
Georgina Ko	RCSCC 195
Timothy Pichaloff	RCSCC 349
William Jamieson	RCSCC 104
Michael Jarosz	RCSCC 5
Rébecca Dancause-Ratté	RCSCC 168
Yue Ma	RCSCC 06
Talissa Leblanc-Rioux	RCSCC 274
Mélissa Leduc	RCSCC 257
Elizabeth Murray-Richard	RCSCC 40
Charlotte So	RCSCC 186
Britany Bourgeois	RCSCC 58
Alexander McNair	RCSCC 128
Daniel St Aubin	RCACC 2644
Lacey Townes	RCACC 2563
Marina Yacob	RCACC 2332
James Holt	RCACC 2716
Adreil Lo	RCACC 180
Megan Rainford	RCACC 2309
Jim Yu	RCACC 2472
Nafaa Haddou	RCACC 3125
Marie-Frédérique Tremblay	RCACC 221
Meilyn Hernandez	RCACC 2623

Étienne Bossé	RCACC 2820
Kevin Pankiw	RCACC 2806
Marie-Pier Lambert	RCACC 2898
Simon Ferguson	RCACS 51
Stanley Copika	RCACS 898
Matthew Swan	RCACS 337
Lorraine Rigden	RCACS 724
Scott Nates	RCACS 53
Anton Dilcher	RCACS 615
Thyberghien Maël	RCACS 729
Topic Vladimir	RCACS 629
Douglas Carlson	RCACS 84
Dean Stoesz	RCACS 903
Jimmy Lévesque	RCACS 697
Christian Blais	RCACS 242

**Right: Cadet Kevin Pankiw** receiving medal from Gilles Desjardins in Valcartier.



**Below: Cadet Jessica Rodger** receiving medal from Don Mann RGS Pacific for Power Pilot Course



**Right: Cadet Tyler Kragh** receiving medal from Don Mann RGS Pacific. Course was for Glider Pilot



**Above: l to r, Cadets Adelle Babin, Nathan Mayo, Provincial President NS Command David Shaw, Cadets Juliette Dupre, and Jasmine Bishop**

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT



Comrades,

Since our Dominion Convention last fall, the Resolutions Committee has seen little activity. This is usual as information input between conventions is not forthcoming until closer to the next Dominion Convention. However, I have urged our Provincial Presidents and the Pro-

vincial resolutions committee members to forward information, or ideas, on issues as they arise. Information input between conventions will allow our committee to be more expeditious.

This paragraph will help to put that issue into perspective. It is important to understand that our work as a Veterans Advocacy Group is directly related to how Government acts (or doesn't act) to our recommendations. A case in point is The New Veterans Charter. We, along with other Veterans organizations have long ago submitted many recommendations that were accepted by Government but not implemented. The bureaucratic process is slow but here is an update.

In March 2011 Bill C-55, also now known as the *Enhanced New Veterans Charter Act* received royal assent. This Act represents a portion of our recommendations that we have worked on for several years now. It is an improvement on how our Government treats our Veterans but there is much more to do. The Minister of Veterans Affairs has applauded the efforts of Veterans Associations including the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada. Congratulations to our Dominion Command Resolutions Committee for their work.

I sat on the New Veterans Charter Advisory Group who was largely responsible for the improvements. We were told last fall that the advisory groups were to be consolidated and further meetings were to transpire late 2010. To date that has not happened and, with a Federal Election in May, it will probably be further delayed depending on the outcome of the election. When more information becomes available to us, we can continue our work. So, you can see how our efforts are affected by other factors. However I can see the Dominion Command Resolution Committee becoming busier later this year.

Finally, by keeping our committee members informed and engaged in this process, we will continue to be a very effective voice with Government in support of our Veterans.

Shoulder To Shoulder,

Robert Horkoff, Resolutions Chair

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT



Comrades,

On March 16th and 17th 2011 the annual Dominion Audit meetings were held with the audit firm of Raymond, Chabot, Grant, Thornton. Those attending the meetings were: Lorne McCartney Secretary Treasurer, Deanna Fimrite-Mercier Administrative Assistant and George Beaulieu.

Overall the Association came out ahead but only by a small margin. One of the reasons that the Association is still ahead is that the decline in membership numbers has begun to slow down (only 136 member decrease last year). One item that will have to be addressed is that there was not enough money in the Convention account to pay the bills incurred by the Convention held in Stratford in October 2010. The Convention account had to borrow money from the General fund to cover the costs. As the 2011 per capita and assessments have come in the monies borrowed from the General fund have been repaid. This will result in the Convention fund being short for the Board meeting in Winnipeg in September 2011 and the Convention in 2012. The Board will have to address this at the September meeting. We all know that costs have not gone down and that we still have a loss in membership.

The 1/2 year membership for those joining for the 1st time after July will begin this year. For Audit purposes a copy of the membership application will accompany the card to Dominion Command.

Our revenue is derived from the per capita-assessments, regalia sales and interest income on investments. The Board will have to look at all three of these sources of income to arrive at a solution to keep the Association in a good financial position for future years.

Respectfully submitted by

George Beaulieu, Dominion vice-President Finance

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# SCHOLARSHIPS

## JUDGE DANIEL F. FOLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

As many members are aware, at the 2006 Dominion Convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Comrade Jake Comer, President of ANAVICUS (our United States Unit) told our convention that he wanted to start a memorial scholarship in memory of Judge Dan Foley (pictured left). True to his word, Comrade Comer got the scholarship approved and the first scholarship was presented in 2007 to Christopher Searl, Grandson of Ted Symonds of Unit #373. In 2008 the scholarship was won by Casey Barnett, granddaughter of Kenneth Barnett of Coronation Unit #259, and most recently the 2009 scholarship was awarded to Adam Raikes, grandson of the late Kenneth Campbell, member of London Unit #393. (Below: Ontario Provincial President and Past Dominion President, Bob Cassels presenting Adam Raikes with his scholarship plaque and cheque)



The Judge Daniel F. Foley Memorial Scholarship is available to any direct descendant (child or grandchild) of an ANAVETS member, either currently in good standing or in good standing upon their death. The candidates are eligible for any year that they are registered in an accredited college or university course that leads to a degree or diploma.

The \$1000.00 USD scholarship winner is chosen randomly from entrants at either the Dominion Convention or Board of Directors' Meeting. Application forms can be found on our website at [www.anavets.ca](http://www.anavets.ca) or should be available at any Unit across Canada. Deadline for entry for the 2010 scholarship is September 1, 2010 and the winner will be informed after the 50th Biennial Dominion Convention, October 3-6, 2010

## COL. FRANK KOSSA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This is also the 4th year that we will be offering the Col. Frank Kossa Memorial Scholarship to cadets that are recipients of the prestigious ANAVETS Cadet Medal of Merit.

Again, any recipient cadet of our medal, who is attending any year of studies at an accredited college or university course leading to a degree or diploma are welcome to apply for the scholarship which is randomly drawn from entrants at the Dominion Convention or Board of Directors' Meeting.

The 2009 recipient was Cadet WO2 Alexander Matchem of 537 Squadron Gander. Cadet Matchem is attending Memorial University studying Engineering. He originally won the ANAVETS Cadet Medal of Merit at the Greenwood CSTC in 2006 for best overall cadet in the Survival Instructors Course.

(Below l to r: Major Wayne Webb, CO (acting) of 537 Gander RCACS, local veteran Howie Whitehorn, WO2 Alex Matchem and Mr. Gary Pinsent, chairperson of the Air Cadet League of Canada (NL))

The 2008 recipient was Stéphanie Plante-Blanchette of 2649 de Salaberry RCACC who received her ANAVETS Cadet Medal of Merit in 2005 for Music at CSTC Cap-Chat. She was attending college de Bois-de-Boulogne in Health Sciences.

2007 recipient was Loriele Pevie of 2978 Hibernia RCACC from Arnold's Cove, NL. Cadet Pevie went on to attend Memorial University studying science and was awarded her ANAVETS Cadet Medal of Merit in 2004 at CSTC Argonaut for the CLI Physical Education & Recreational Training course.

WE WISH ALL THESE CADETS THE BEST OF LUCK!



**Charley, a new retiree-greeter at a major department store, just couldn't seem to get to work on time.**

**Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies.**

**One day the boss called him into the office for a talk.**

**"Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job when you finally get here; but your being late so often is quite bothersome."**

**"Yes, I know boss, and I am working on it."**

**"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear."**

**"Yes sir, I understand your concern and I'll try harder."**

**Seeming puzzled, the manager went on to comment, "It's odd though your coming in late.**

**I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say to you there if you showed up in the morning so late and so often?"**

**The old man looked down at the floor, then smiled.**

**He chuckled quietly, then said with a grin, "They usually saluted and said, 'Good morning, Admiral, can I get your coffee, sir?'"**

## SIPPING VODKA

A new Priest at his first mass was so nervous he could hardly speak. After mass he asked the Monsignor how he had done.

The Monsignor replied, **"When I am worried about getting nervous on the pulpit, I put a glass of vodka next to the water glass. If I start to get nervous, I take a sip."**

So next Sunday he took the Monsignor's advice. At the beginning of the sermon, he got nervous and took a drink. He proceeded to talk up a storm.

Upon his return to his office after the mass, he found the following note on the door:

1. Sip the vodka, don't gulp.
2. There are 10 commandments, not 12.
3. There are 12 disciples, not 10.
4. Jesus was consecrated, not constipated.
5. Jacob wagered his donkey, he did not bet his ass.
6. We do not refer to Jesus Christ as the late J.C.
7. The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are not referred to as Daddy, Junior and the Spook.
8. David slew Goliath; he did not kick the shit out of him.
9. When David was hit by a rock and was knocked off his donkey, don't say he was stoned off his ass.
10. We do not refer to the cross as the 'Big T.'
11. When Jesus broke the bread at the last supper he said, **"Take this and eat it for this is my body."** He did not say, **"Eat me."**
12. The Virgin Mary is not called 'Mary with the Cherry'.
13. The recommended grace before a meal is not: Rub-A-Dub-Dub thanks for the grub, Yeah God.
14. Next Sunday there will be a taffy pulling contest at St. Peter's not a peter pulling contest at St. Taffy's.

Comrades: Here is a quote from the internet that I picked up while surfing. Thought you might enjoy...

## FOUR TYPES OF OFFICERS

I am fairly confident this quote invoked images of brothers from your fraternity.

Every fraternity has **lazy, stupid** guys. Fraternity leaders spend an amazing amount of time and energy to try to motivate them to 'do more'. What a waste of time. Fraternity leaders would be better off directing their energy to more worth-while endeavors.

Every fraternity has **hard-working, intelligent** brothers. These brothers are the backbone of the fraternity and do ten times what the average brother does. A fraternity cannot exist without these guys and they should be treasured.

Every fraternity also has the **hard-working, stupid** brothers. These guys go off half-cocked on one hair-brained idea after another. Since they are dumb, most brothers don't have the heart to tell them to stop. These guys are a cancer to any organization.

Finally, there are the **intelligent, lazy** brothers. The General says these are the ones best suited for highest office. Intelligent, lazy brothers will think of ways to do things faster, smarter and better. Then, they will be eager to give the responsibility of actually implementing their ideas to the other brothers. This promotes ownership in the fraternity, which leads to an increase of morale and participation. This is exactly what you want in a fraternity leader.

Which one are you???

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From top left, Paul Gross addressing the convention;

Veterans Ombudsman Pat Stogran making some points during his briefing.

Right the Booze Brothers on parade, and

Below, Colour Party prior to Last Post.



Marv Schmidt of ANAVETS (Unit 201 Bellville) presenting the ANAVETS Medal to Cadet Carolyn Marshall of 140 "Aurora" Squadron, Aurora Ontario at the recent Central Region Gliding School Graduation Parade at Mountain View.  
 This photo, along with numerous others, can be found on the Ontario Provincial Committee website at [www.aircadetleague.on.ca](http://www.aircadetleague.on.ca) under "Aviation Committee" and "CRGS Graduation".

*Sent in by Fred Hopkinson, Chair, Aviation Committee  
 Air Cadet League of Canada (Ontario)*

## Secretary – Treasurer's Notes



To begin, we had a wonderful Convention this past October with many new ventures that should help our association. Here are some updates on what passed at convention:

New 5 year pins are now in and ready for sale;  
The ½ year membership will begin this year for those joining for the

first time after 1 July. The Finance Chairman's report covers this in greater detail;

ANAVETS day is the Saturday before Vimy Ridge Day, and in 2012 it will be the 7<sup>th</sup> of April so mark your calendars for this event and let us know how it went; and

The complementary membership for those retiring from the military or returning from overseas is now up and running with those being released. The Membership Chairman's report covers this in greater detail.

**The Daniel F. Foley/ ANAVETS Memorial Scholarship:** This is just to remind everyone that the direct descendants of an ANAVETS member are eligible to submit an application for a \$1000 scholarship for use while attending a registered College or University program leading to a degree or diploma. All information and application forms are found on our web site [www.anavets.ca](http://www.anavets.ca).

**Finding People:** We frequently get calls from people trying to locate an old comrade, or information on a next of kin etc.. We now have a do-it-yourself explanation of how to find people on our Web Site @ [www.anavets.ca](http://www.anavets.ca).

### Veterans Affairs Canada

You have all probably noticed from our frequent emails to our units, that activity regarding Veterans is at a level probably not seen since World War II. Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) plays a big role in this. One of the major sources of information regarding VAC, and its work, programs, information etc can be found on their web site <http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/general/>. We encourage all ANAVETS members to discover the many important things that are being done for Veterans by searching through the site. This is specifically helpful for Service Officers.

There are programs in particular that are of importance that can help our units financially, as well as provide great PR. On the VAC web site on the left, follow Canada Remembers to discover these three gems.

First there is the **Cenotaph/ Monument Restoration Program** which matches funds raised including other levels of government such as municipality, up to a maximum of \$25,000. Our Honorary President Gerry Wharton sits on the review committee, as have I when Gerry couldn't make it. Let me assure you that the approval rate is almost 100 percent, and the application is quite straight forward. Information is on the VAC website, and feel free to call Gerry or myself for advice as well;

Secondly, there is a new program called the **Community War Memorial Program**. This program will provide up to 50% of the cost for new memorials, or major additions. Check out their web site for more information; and  
Thirdly there is the **Community engagement Partnership Fund** which provides many thousands of dollars, (I saw one for \$15,000) to support local initiatives that encourage remembrance in your community. Check out the site, you won't be disappointed!

**Regalia items:** We still have a few '**Support our Troops' magnetic magnets in stores**, and would make wonderful fridge magnets, placed on your filing cabinet, or for use on vehicles for special occasions. They really are quite beautiful and distinctive, while at the same time advertising the good work done by ANAVETS.

So get those orders in soon before our limited quantities are sold out. The PRICE IS LESS THAN HALF of what they were selling for before. Packet of 10 @2.00 each magnet and Packet of 50 @ 1.50 each magnet. **ALL PROFITS GO TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS.**

We still have a few **ceremonial Canadian Flags** available at a cost of \$75 dollars for shipping and handling. The Flag, pole, base etc are free.

**New ANAVETS Pens.** You'll be happy to hear that we have some NEW quality pens now available for purchase. The revised costs are \$1.25 each and 30 for \$35.00. The inscription says:

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When **ordering from Regalia Stores, please send in your order as a fax, email or post**, and provide the total information including the stock number and contact. Also, in your subject heading please put your Unit number to help in locating your request. PLEASE do not order by phone or leave a voice message. Also, please put the date required, not ASAP. Thank you.

**SPREAD THE WORD:** We regret that we only send out 1 copy of our newsletter to each unit because of the cost. **For our Units**, please make sure that these copies are circulated so that as many people as possible get to see them. For those with access to a computer, please let your members know that you can view this as well as some of our past Newsletters on line at: [www.anavets.ca](http://www.anavets.ca). That's all folks...

## Citizenship Ceremonies ANAVETS participation

Citizenship and Immigration Canada has asked ANAVETS to participate in a volunteer capacity in Citizenship "swearing in" Ceremonies throughout Canada at various times during the year.

When these events happen, your Unit will be contacted to see if you wish to participate, and be given the particulars of the event.

These events benefit our great country, and we encourage participation.

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## WE WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP

The Dominion Staff needs your help !

We try to publish a newsletter that would be of interest to the members of the Association. It takes a great deal of time and expense to publish this newsletter. Much of this time is as a result of having to retype articles and scan in pictures because they are not in electronic format.

It would very much help us if you could possibly provide your articles and supporting photographs in electronic format.

Thank you very much, Lorne and Deanna

## UNIFX UNIFORMS

Offering good quality, well priced uniforms for all of our members. Blazers, flannels, short and long sleeved shirts available.

Order forms available in the back of the Regalia Price list or by request from the Dominion office.

*This is the old Aero Mode Company under new ownership,  
but same contact info*

## Thoughts about life

In the line at the store, the cashier told the older woman that she should bring her own grocery bag because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to him and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day." The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. The former generation did not care enough to save our environment."

He was right, that generation didn't have the green thing in its day. Back then, they returned their milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But they didn't have the green thing back in that customer's day.

In her day, they walked up stairs, because they didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. They walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time they had to go two blocks. But she was right. They didn't have the green thing in her day.

Back then, they washed the baby's diapers because they didn't have the throw-away kind. They dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts - wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that old lady is right; they didn't have the green thing back in her day.

Back then, they had one TV, or radio, in the house - not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief, not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, they blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for you. When they packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, they used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, they didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. They used a push mower that ran on human power. They exercised by working so they didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; they didn't have the green thing back then.

They drank from a fountain when they were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time they had a drink of water. They refilled their writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and they replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But they didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or rode the school bus instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. They had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And they didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad that the current generation laments how wasteful the old folks were just because they didn't have the green thing back then?

## PRESENTATION OF CEREMONIAL FLAG



Harold Martinson of Unit 38 Saskatoon is shown presenting a ceremonial flag to Captain Victoria Mowat Commanding Officer 2293 RCACC Corp Saskatoon while Wayne Bourget (VP ANAVETS) and family members look on.

Photo by 2Lt Kirk Campbell