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Special Points:

- ANAVETS presentation to Senate
- Olympic Torch Bearers
- 32 Units increase membership

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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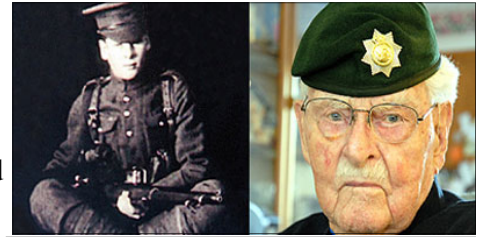
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End of an Era

On February 18, 2010, John "Jack" Babcock, Canada's last WWI Veteran passed away. This event marks the "end of an era" in Canada's history.

Jack did not wish a state funeral, so it was decided to hold a national commemorative event honouring all of our WWI service men and woman and to pay tribute to their achievements. The ceremony was held on "Vimy Day" Friday, April 9, 2010 at Ottawa's National War Memorial.



Jack Babcock, 16, in Valcartier, Quebec. At 107 years old, he wears a beret of the Royal Canadian Regiment, the unit he joined in Oct 1916 as a replacement during the First World War. Source: DND



President Gord Marsh initiating the passing of the torch marking the passing of Canada's last WWI Veteran John "Jack" Babcock on February 18, 2010. Source : VAC

As Canada's Oldest Veterans organization, supporting Canadian Veterans during the Great War, ANAVETS was asked to initiate the passing of the torch between representatives of the various wars/commitments that DND has had since that time.



Gord Marsh with Wilf Edmond President of the Legion, and Les Peate, representing NCVA, and a past president of the Korea Veterans Association, laying wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Source: VAC

ARE YOU A VETERAN OF THE KOREAN WAR?



In commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War, the Korean government is planning a special recognition of Canadian Veterans of the Korean War. As a result, the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs in Korea has requested the names of all living Canadian Korean War Veterans.

If you or someone you know served in Korea with the allied forces (1950-1953) or as a peacekeeper (1953-1955) please contact:

Terry Wickens, National President, Korea Veterans Assoc. of Canada
120—400 Grenfell Street, Oshawa, ON L1J 4W7
Email: terrywickens@sympatico.ca

For more information on these events, visit <http://eng.koreanwar60.go.kr>

ANAVETS' annual 'Friends of the Veteran' reception

President Gord Marsh, Vice-President George Beaulieu, Secretary-Treasurer Lorne McCartney, and Administrative Assistant Deanna Fimrite, hosted over 60 members of the veterans' community and government at the Army Officers' Mess on 20 February. The ANAVETS annual *Friends of the Veteran* reception is our way of kick-starting the new year with an informal mingling of like minded people representing Veterans, cadets and related government and affiliate organizations. This also provides a forum to allow us to thank the veterans' community for their support throughout the year. Among those present was the Minister of Veteran Affairs, the Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn, Deputy Minister, Suzanne Tining, Representatives attended from other veteran groups, Parliament, the Senate, the three Cadet Leagues, Veterans Affairs Canada, National Defence, and many others. This year was another great success.

MWO Derek► Ingersoll, Vic Johnson Editor of Air-force Magazine, and **Steven Clark** of the Royal Canadian Legion.



◀ **Terry Tobin** from VAC Canada Remembers speaking with **Comrade Larry Gray** a Member at Large and also a member of CPVA.



◀ from the left, **Marilyn Marsh**, **President Gord Marsh** with the **Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn**, and **Deputy Minister, Suzanne Tining**.

Two friends getting together; **Comrade Terry Christopher**, the Past Black Rod of the Senate, with **Senator Joe Day**, both great advocates for Veterans



George and Eleanor Beaulieu speaking with the President of the Air Force Association **Comrade Brian Darling**.



Our gals getting some time together; **Eleanor Beaulieu**, and **Marilyn Marsh**. Please note that the beer didn't belong to them...

President's Message



My fellow Comrades,

I'll say it again; that we are very privileged to be a part of this great organization, the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada, now celebrating its 170th year serving the heroes of this magnificent country. We should be very proud to be part of this history.

I won't go into the trips and meetings that have gone on over the past year, as some of these will be discussed elsewhere in the Newsletters. What I would like to do is to raise a few of the situations that, if improved upon, would help make ANAVETS a better run organization, and therefore better able to do things better and more effective.

The most important issue is communications. When ideas are brought up and discussed, allow everyone in their turn to speak in order to bring out the ideas. After this discussion and a decision is reached, then everyone should stand by that decision. In an organization such as ours, there is nothing worse to moral than

to continue bickering after a decision has been made. Get over it, and move on.

Units must also communicate important issues with their Commands, and Commands with Dominion. In many instances, the higher command may know something that would help. In any event, since Commands are responsible for Units, then they MUST know what is going on.

Communications are also very important when members are elected to various positions within the Unit or Command. All positions should have a folder (s) that contain background information on what the position is responsible for and the process by which the results are achieved. Even if you think that the job is fairly obvious, it should still be written down and be available for members and for the new slate of members occupying the position. I understand that sometimes it is difficult to leave a position, especially one that you would be holding on to. In any event, when the time comes to hand over your duties, you should bring the file and have a sit-down with the new incumbent, and brief him or her on the background of the issues.

Comrades, I make no apologies for the lecture; most of our members are doing a great job, but there are some who put themselves before our Association. If we all take these words to heart, and learn to work together a bit more, we will run a much smoother and enjoyable organization. Happy Units generate new members.

In Comradeship,

Gordon Marsh,
Dominion President

Unit Insurance Save Money-Better Coverage

Comrades, I would like to again draw your attention to the wonderful work done by B. F. Lorenzetti & Associates in providing **insurance coverage** to our units. To date there are 8 ANAVETS Units that have converted their coverage; the last two being Lethbridge Unit # 34, and Cornwall Unit # 342.

These units are saving big time, and generally in the thousands of dollars a year, while at the same time providing better coverage. The coverage is getting better because of the experience they are gaining by working with a growing number of our units. Furthermore, as more Units come on board, the better the pricing will be for all.

You should note as well that the work being done by B. F. Lorenzetti & Associates, has been supported by all commands of ANAVETS.

I have spoken to and read reports from some of the Units that have gone with the program and they tell me that they enjoyed the experience and would recommend the switch to everyone.

The contact is Lawrence McMullan at 1-888-244-6709 or by email at lmcmullan@bflcanada.ca for further details on the insurance program and how it may be of benefit to your unit.

In Memoriam

Ernest (Ernie) Cleveland (July 28, 2009)
Past Dominion Vice President; SK Command Past President, WWII 1943-1945; Award of Merit Holder, Life Member, Saskatoon Unit #38

Michael Dutchuk (July 2009)
RCA 1943-1945; Member Assiniboia Unit #283

Clem Bernhardt (July 2009)
RCAF-CF 1958-1980; Member, Assiniboia #283

Henry (Hank) Epp (July 2009)
RCAF-CF 1943-1976; Member, Assiniboia #283

Stanley Schneider (August 2009)
RCAF-CF 1958-1993; Member, Assiniboia #283

Neil Atkinson (August 2009)
RCAF 1951-1977; Member, Assiniboia #283

Donald (Ben) Phoenix (August 11, 2009)
Royal Canadian Engineers 1941-1945; Life Member, Owl's Unit #306; Order for Service Holder

Charles Chartier (August, 2009)
Charter Member, Kamloops Unit #290

Herb Roberts (September 2, 2009)
RCN; Member Sidney Unit #302

Ian Dudley (September 9, 2009)
2008 Dominion Convention Chairman; Member, Life Member, Lethbridge Unit #34

James MacMillan (September, 2009)
Royal Artillery 1946-1949 Palestine; RNR 1951-1964; Member-at-Large

Vicky Sadie Bilecki (September 2009)
Member, Assiniboia #283

Antonio Victorin Lamothe (Sept. 2009)
RCASC 1940-1965; Member, Assiniboia #283

Dale Webster Stinson (September 2009)
Member, Assiniboia #283

Charley Kline (September, 2009)
RCAF 1940-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

Gerald (Gerry) Searle (September, 2009)
Air Reserve 1951-1979; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

William Tymkiw (October, 2009)
RCAF 1943-1946; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

Robert McFee (October, 2009)
RCMP 1961-1963; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

Ken Urquhart (October, 2009)
Member, Penticton Unit #97

Robert D. Skerritt (November, 2009)
RCASC 1941-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

Nicholas A. Leone (November, 2009)
Canadian Army; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

LEST WE FORGET

Don Ericksen (November 6, 2009)
RCN 1952-1979; Life Member, Kelowna Unit #376, Award of Merit Holder

Keith L. Hachey (November 17, 2009)
Member, Sidney Unit #302

Gordon A. Bryson (November 18, 2009)
Member, Sidney Unit #302

Harry Sanderson (November 21, 2009)
Member, Sidney Unit #302

Robert M. McCormick (December, 2009)
RCAF 1942-1946; Member Assiniboia Unit #283

Samuel (Sam) Brown (December, 2009)
RCAF 1949-1971; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

Daniel Lee (January 2010)
WWII Veteran; Life Member, Pacific Unit #280; Award of Merit Holder

G.M. (Peggy) Hiebert (January 2010)
Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

Ivan Cordingley (January 2010)
Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

Robert Snowball (February 2010)
Army 1940-1941; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

Earl Little (March 2010)
Past President; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

Geoffrey Warrener (March 2010)
Royal Signals 1950-1955; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

Joseph Emery (March 2010)
RCHA 1951-1983; Member Assiniboia Unit #283

Wilfred Gordon Brown (April 2010)
RCAF 1942-1945; Member Assiniboia Unit #283

Michael Hudson (April 2010)
RCA 1942-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

Jake Martens (April 20, 2010)
Member, Sidney Unit #302

Richard W. Townsend (May 2010)
RCIC 943-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

Irene Paul (May 2010)
RCAF 3052 TTU 1958-1964; Past President Elie Unit #372; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

William Lorne Cann (May 2010)
R.C.E.M.E. 1958-1979; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

Joseph Stewart Fenton (May 6, 2010)
Canadian Merchant Navy; Member Sidney Unit #302

Lionel Smith (May 27, 2010)
Life Member, Prince Albert Unit #222; Award of Merit Holder

Victor Peterson (June 2010)
4BN QOR 1961-1969; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

Robert Victor Milani (June 2010)
RCAF 1944-1981; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

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 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 Lorielle 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!

OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

This year **Peter Goodin**, president of **Unit 318 Lennoxville**, was honoured to be chosen as one of the Olympic torchbearers. He ran with the torch in Montreal on December 10th at 3:38 p.m. He commented that there were thousands of people there. "I have never felt more proud to be a Canadian in my life. It was like I ran 300 meters on air. I was sure my feet never touched the ground. It is something I never dreamed of doing but I am so proud I did."



Left-**Paul Hanson**, the Secretary of **Woodstock Unit # 95** Quote "It was a great experience for sure and an honour and privilege to represent veterans. The segment of my run began at the main gate at CFB Gagetown which is in the background of this photo. It ended near the entrance of the Military Family Resource Center and I handed the flame onto a Gulf War Veteran.

It was an ideal day, very cloudy and cool but not cold. Multitudes of people especially school children who were given the day off, not to mention all the hundreds of military.

It was over before you knew it.

During the winter as the torch continued its journey across Canada, I visited several local elementary schools to allow the students to see the torch and ask questions. The questions they asked were priceless. One grade 2 student asked me if I had been a torchbearer all my life !!! I also attend some youth church groups as well as the local "Bargain Store" whose manager is a great supporter of ANAVETS to allow people to see the torch and have a photo taken.

Being the only ANAVETS unit in the province I probably answered as many questions about ANAVETS as I did about the torch.

It was a very memorable event and I made it last as long as I could. Great memories that will last for a long time.

Right- Paul Hanson was part of the Olympic Torch Run in New Brunswick in November of 2009. Since that time, he has been to numerous schools to show the students the torch and to talk about his participation in the Run, representing all veterans. On Sat., Feb. 6th, 2010, Paul was a guest at the Bargain Shop at Carleton Mall in Woodstock where he displayed his Olympic Torch Run clothing and the torch and talked about the history of the Olympics and the Torch and its meaning. With him in the picture is Doug MacKenzie, Manager of the Bargain Shop.



Further Torch photos on pages 7



Comrade **Carol Scott**, Secretary **Stratford Unit #261 LA**.

Congratulations Carol.

Norman Thorsen - Retired Captain of the RCAF. 80 years of age, Carried the Olympic Torch from the Alberta Legislature Building in Edmonton Alberta on January 13, 2010. Norm did us all proud at Strathcona Unit 99.



Saskatchewan Command—**Peggy Ellis** carrying the Olympic Torch as it passed through Saskatchewan. She served in the British Army during the war and married Jack Ellis serving in the Canadian Army. She moved to Canada after the war.

She joined the ANAVETS in 1970 and became the first Female President of Unit # 18 Regina in 1994.

(Below) Comrades **Ruth Bond-Martinson** was chosen to carry the Olympic Flag as it



passed through Saskatchewan. She appears in this picture with her daughter Bonnie, Secretary of ANAVET Unit # 287 Maple Leaf in Saskatoon.

Over the years, she has kept up her navy experience by being part of the Naval Cadets as an instructor for well over 10 years. She also has been a devoted Member of ANAVET's for 45 years and her Unit's president for the last 8 years .

Veterans Ombudsman Launches Public Consultation Online

There is a new section of the Ombudsman's website that allows people to read learn and comment on a number of issues facing veterans. For those that have information to share they can post comments or suggestions on a number of subjects at <http://www.ombudsman-veterans.gc.ca/consultations/introduction-eng.cfm>

Current Subjects discussed on the online consultations are:

- Agent Orange
- Families
- Homeless Veterans
- Long Term Care
- Mental Health
- New Veterans Charter
- Red Tape
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
- Treatment Benefits
- Veterans in the Criminal Justice System
- Veterans Independence Program (VIP)
- Veterans Review and Appeal Board (VRAB)

Veterans Ombudsman Town Hall

The Ombudsman is hosting town hall meetings across Canada to listen to the issues that the veterans community have concerns about. To see when the next town hall meeting is in your area, or to invite the ombudsman to host a town hall meeting in your unit visit http://www.ombudsman-veterans.gc.ca/outreach-sensibilisation/town_hall-assemblies-eng.cfm

Further Torch photos on pages 6

ANAVETS CADET MEDAL OF MERIT 2009 RECIPIENTS

<u>Cadet Names</u>	<u>Cadet Corps/Squadron</u>
Kevin Simbanez	RCACC 2402
Jerrad Joffe	RCACC 2402
David Chadwick	RCACC 2958
Shawn Hearn	RCACC 2863
Vicky Callahan	RCACC 2959
Matthew Wickwire	RCACC 2501
Paul Goff	RCACC 1180
Courtney Williams	RCACC 2688
N. Ibbitson	RCACC 3006
Cora-Lie Van Wyk	RCACS 199
Cedric Crowie	RCACS 781
Elliott O'Brien	RCACS 102
James Harding	RCACS 106
Robert Burke	RCACS 327
Stephen Arsenault	RCACS 18
Karina Marsden	RCSCC 9
Matthew Noonan	RCSCC 295
Gillian Bond	RCSCC 351
Matthew Youden	RCSCC 3
Brian Sieu	RCACS 637
Steven Kane	RCACS 746
Brittany Low	RCSCC 238
Jacob Luczak	RCSCC 42
Andrew Fusullo	RCSCC 100
Donald Grant	RCSCC 105
Trevor Keating	RCSCC 280
Cory Bernard	RCSCC 102
Amanda Dittmer	RCSCC 65
Alexander Reid	RCACC 2863
Christine Broughton	RCACS 104
Adrian Thow	RCACC 557
Kyle Ryan	RCACC 1913
Catherine Bowen	RCACS 534
Corey Potten	RCACC 2347
Brett Brownlee	RCACS 19
Tiffany Gray	RCACC 2860
Robert Wahl	RCACS 903
Richard Soos	RCACS 170
Pierre-Luc Leblanc	CCMRC 165
Samuel Plamondon	CCMRC 274
Jeanne Blanchette	CCMRC 287
Jayson Ouellet-Lapierre	CCMRC 168
Kristin Davick	RCSCC 126
Samuel Giguere	RCSCC 101
Katie O'Leary	RCSCC 79
Jayden Foreman	RCACC 2551
Siu-Fung Yip	RCACC 2381
Robert Rutko	RCACC 2271
Pierce Schaumberger	RCACC 2733
Emma Dube	RCACC 1726
Scott Hennessey	RCACC 3005
Kyle Larkin	RCACC 1913
Carlos Ziba	RCACC 2920

Kaven Desjardins	RCACC 2591
Maxime Arsenault	RCACC 2973
Marie-Pier Lapointe	RCACC 2948
Joseph Khoury	RCACS 621
Jessica Chartrand	RCACS 613
Alexandre Pelland-French	RCACS 799
David Papillon-Veilleux	RCACS 921
Nicolas Brouillette	RCACS 772
Mélodie Loriaux	RCACC 240
McKayala Couch	RCACS 88
Monika Spence	RCACS 868
Steffany Salvador	RCACS 800
Jordan Kolody	RCACS 106
Alexander Doucette	RCACS 641
Philip Wahl	RCSCC 903 **

**Cdt Wahl in now a second time recipient of the medal, earning the silver maple leaf clasp.

Right: ANAVETS Member, J.P. Lefort presents medal to a recipient cadet at HMCS Quebec Training centre.



Left: FSgt Steven Kane receiving medal from Don Mann RGS Pacific for Glider Pilot



Right: FSgt Brian Sieu receiving medal from Don Mann RGS Pacific. Course was for Power Pilot



Above: Cdt. Cora-Lie Van Wyk receives her medal from Unit #2 President, Bob Hamer. She won the medal in the Music I—V course.

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REPORT OF THE DOMINION FINANCE CHAIRMAN – MAY 2010

The 2009 audit conducted by Raymond, Chabot, Grant, Thornton was reviewed by Dominion President Gordon Marsh, Secretary/treasurer Lorne McCartney,



Administrative Assistant Deanna Fimrite and myself.

The results of the audit were found to be favourable with a small gain for 2009. The 2010 budget was revised to reflect the decline of membership for 2009. It was not as great as predicted in the original 2010 budget.

The budget still shows a deficit of approximately \$37,000, most of which is related to convention costs. This works out to about \$2.70 a member. This will have to be addressed at our convention in Stratford in October.

Have a happy and safe summer and we'll see you all at convention in early October.

Yours in Comradeship George Beaulieu,
Chair of Finance

Ontario command Donates HD Television to *The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre*



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Air Force Veterans
(in Canada)
ANAVETS
Ontario Command**

To our heroes who have
done so much for Canada

Ontario President Bob Cassels, Paul Finn Managing Director The Rideau Perley Foundation and Lorne McCartney Dominion Secretary-Treasurer.

Photo by Lise Cassels

**Presentation to
The Senate Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs 2 June 2010
By Lorne McCartney on behalf of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans
(In Canada) Association.**

Mr Chairman, members of the Senate Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, it is an honour being here today to discuss Veterans issues as they relate to the New Veterans Charter.

I am here today representing our President, Mr. Gordon Marsh, and am speaking on behalf of the executive and members of Canada's oldest Veterans organization, the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans (In Canada) - ANAVETS.

We were founded in Montreal in 1840 and Queen Victoria signed the charter for our first unit. At the present time we have approximately 16,000 members across Canada formed into 68 Units, under 7 Provincial Commands.

Our association has been involved in all aspect of creating the New Veterans charter, and continue to work at improving the many aspects of this very complex document.

As a veteran's organization we believe that our nation has an inherent obligation to provide the best possible care and support for those personnel and their families for those injured while on duty.

We are now 3 years after the introduction of the New Veterans Charter, an Act of parliament which, when it was agreed to by Veterans' organizations was with the understanding and agreement by Government that we would address the areas that needed fixing. We called these areas "Gaps" between what the Act read, and what Veterans need.

Since that time, we have completed a study by the New Veterans Charter Working Group which specified these Gaps, why they are a problem, and what action was needed. (study on our web site www.anavets.ca under Members Only—New Veterans Charter)

The results of this study were available June of last year but there has been no action taken as yet. The longer that we don't address these gaps, the longer our Veterans are not receiving the necessary support that they and their families require in adjusting to life with their injuries.

The current reason for procrastination is that with the world-wide economic meltdown, funds are scarce, and the "spend money" philosophy being used to get our economy going doesn't include spending on support for Veterans.

Our Veterans were injured while doing what they were told by our government.

It should be the responsibility of that same government to do what is right, and provide the support necessary to look after our Veterans and their families after they have been injured.

As an example of some of the problems with the New Veterans Charter:

Most CF personnel who go to Afghanistan are at the lower end of the rank levels which correlates with who are being injured as well.

Should a 3rd year Private get hurt their income supplement will only guarantee that they would receive a **taxable** 75% of their pay at the time of their release.

So what you have is a severely injured person, whose spouse will no doubt have to devote more time to helping and shuttling the spouse to wherever is necessary. This spouse will probably have to leave his or her job to do this and to look after their children and to raise a family on \$35,000 a year with no pay incentives and no promotions.

Add to this that this person will not receive a government pension or benefits, and that **this pay stops when the person reaches the age of 65.**

How can our Canadian heroes save for the future, send his or her children to College or University, and have a home to enjoy.

It is just not possible. Our government is letting them down.

Senators, this is why we are here today.

Comrades, this was followed by questions and answers.

Honorary Dominion President's Comments

I am writing this in the evening of 20 June. This morning, our Dominion Secretary Lorne McCartney and I went to the National War Memorial to lay the ANAVETS wreath to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. When we arrived, I noticed a young woman sitting quietly alone nearby. She was wearing a single medal and that medal was the Memorial Cross commonly known as the "Silver Cross." Her name is Mrs. Sharon Good and she is the widow of Trooper Brian Good of The Royal Canadian Dragoons who was killed by an IED in Afghanistan on 7 January 2009. She was left to raise, by herself, two young daughters ages 12 and 15 years because her husband died, as a soldier, doing his duty. She had no complaints; indeed, she said that she was grateful for what the government is doing for her. It was a moving experience to be in the presence of Sharon Good, a Canadian hero.

After the service at the War Memorial, Lorne, our wives and I attended a performance by a troop of young South Korean girls called the "Little Angels" who are touring the world performing in each of the sixteen countries that came to South Korea's aid 60 years ago. The purpose of their tour is to thank each of those countries for saving them from oppression and death. Before the performance we heard two poignant speeches. The first was from a Korean gentleman, Dr. Bo Hi Pak, who is one of the founders of the Little Angels. He spoke, in the most appreciative terms, of how Canada responded to the call to save his country. He explained that he had been a young soldier in the South Korean army during the war and if all those countries had not fought for his freedom, he would never have survived. He assured us that his people would never, ever, forget Canada's sacrifice. He was followed by Senator Yunah Martin. She said that she was born in South Korea and had come to Canada as a young child. Senator Martin told us how proud she is to be a Canadian and thanked the many Korean War veterans present for their service.

So this day has been a very stirring and solemn one for me. I heard of a young family's sacrifice and their courage to carry on. I listened to a man, about my age; say that he owes his life and the freedom of his country to Canadian service men and women. And I heard a lady express her thanks, on behalf of the country of her birth and to her Canada for what it did and continues to do to aid others. The underlying message to me is that all we do that is noble and good is achieved not by words but by deeds; deeds such as Trooper Good's and the 516 Canadians who died during the Korean War. Comrades, it is our duty never to forget, as the South Koreans will never forget, that we must continue to honour and assist our veterans and their families

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

Gerry Wharton



Gerry Wharton, discussing the background of the *Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* to President Marsh prior to the 'End of an Era' ceremony.



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Cadet ANAVETS Medal of Merit

Our **Honorary President Gerry Wharton** after presenting the ANAVETS Cadet Medal of Merit to: L-R **Cadet Jerrad Joffe** from the CC 2402 The Governor General's Horse Guard for CLI (Cadet Leader Instructor) Physical Education and Recreational Training.

Gerry Wharton, then **Cadet Kevin Simbanez** from CC 2402 The Governor General's Horse Guard for CLI Rifle Coach, and

Cadet David Chadwick from the CC 2958 Manotick, Ontario for Marksman.



REPORT OF Neil McKinnon, Chairman Awards and Rituals

Comrades,

I would first of all like to thank the two other members of our team: Bob Cassels and Ken Henderson Past Dominion Presidents', who have done a lot of work to ensure that awards are looked after prop-

erly and as quickly as possible. Together, we have reviewed and approved *4 Awards of Merit, 7 Orders of Service and 26 Life Memberships.*

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support to ensure that applications are completed legibly and correctly. For those that are done correctly, the process goes along fairly quickly. For others, however we have found errors, contradictory information, missing or incorrect signatures, the wrong form, inconsistency of supporting minutes of meetings, or we simply can't read the application because it is not legible.

As you can appreciate, if your submission is not in accordance with our bylaws and does not have the information necessary for the Committee to make a determination, then the application will be rejected. To avoid this and the work entailed, the Dominion Office has been asked to ensure that the necessary requirements are met prior to passing your request on.

I would also like to remind Commands and Units, that the Secretary should be doing the right-up for the award, and signed off by the Unit President, or should he/she is receiving the award, or not be available then a Vice President should sign.

I thank you very much for your understanding and support.

In comradeship, Neil McKinnon 1st Vice President.

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The following **32 units** increased their membership in 2009.

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

North Vancouver Unit #45

East Vancouver Unit #68

P.C.M.R. Unit #276

Chilliwack Unit #305

Pompier Unit #314

Maple Ridge Unit #379

Alexander of Tunis Unit #2

Grande Prairie Unit #389

Moose Jaw Unit #252

Maple Leaf Unit #287

Yorkton Unit #1103

Brandon Unit #10

Portage La Prairie Unit #13

Assiniboia Unit #283

Rockwood Unit #303

Thompson Unit #388

Duke of Edinburgh Unit #201

London Unit #229

Coronation Unit #259

Stratford Unit #261

Owls Unit #306

Lambeth Unit #345

Martello Unit #377

York Unit #383

Orillia Unit #400

Montreal East Unit #308

Lennoxville Unit #318

New Waterford, Unit #217

Glance Bay Unit #246

Dartmouth Unit #349

Woodstock, Unit #95

Vernon, BC

Vancouver, BC

Vancouver, BC

Gambier Island, BC

Chilliwack, BC

Vancouver, BC

Maple Ridge, BC

Calgary, AB

Grande Prairie, AB

Moose Jaw, SK

Saskatoon, SK

Yorkton, SK

Brandon, MB & NW Ont.

Portage La Prairie, MB &

NW Ont.

Winnipeg, MB & NW Ont.

Winnipeg, MB & NW Ont.

Thompson, MB & NW Ont.

Belleville, ON

London, ON

Toronto, ON

Stratford, ON

Toronto, ON

London, ON

Kingston, ON

Toronto, ON

Orillia, ON

Montreal, QC

Sherbrooke, QC

New Waterford, NS

Glance Bay, NS

Dartmouth, NS

Woodstock, NB

Units in **Bold** were on last years list as well. **DOUBLE CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU! ALSO A BIG CONGRATS OUT TO ONTARIO & QUEBEC COMMANDS WHO INCREASED THEIR MEMBERSHIP OVERALL IN 2009.**

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.

BURNT BISCUITS

When I was a kid, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work.

On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed, yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school.

I do not remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite.

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits and I will never forget what he said.

He smiled at her and said, "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss my dad good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned.

He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your mom put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides, a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone."

Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I am not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else, but what I have learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults, and choosing to celebrate each other's differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing and lasting relationship.

This is my hope for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and have a good relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker.

We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship.

Do not put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket; keep it in your own.

So, pass me a biscuit, and yes, the burnt one will do just fine.

Let the Silence Be Heard

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Let the silence be heard.

In this hour... on this day... in this month... the guns of one war went silent... and with them the screams of the wounded... the cries of the lost... the sobs of the tormented. All went quiet.

Let the silence be heard.

And in the fields where farmers once planted, fallen soldiers lie where they fell - and on their lips, final words to loved ones, to comrades, to God... words which will never be spoken.

Let the silence be heard.

Amidst the cheering throngs who welcome the warriors home... among the cheers for the victors... and laughter for the loved ones... a wife, a mother, a daughter, a son sit quietly waiting for the one who never comes.

Let the silence be heard.

And while children play, birds sing, and lovers whisper... one who was brave enough to face the armor of the enemy and stare death in the eye... is now too frightened to face the day, and sits alone behind covered windows and an armored heart.

Let the silence be heard.

And in the noisy parade of prosperity... the racket of our riches... and the pandemonium of our *personal* peace... we miss the wordless prayers of those still oppressed, still frightened, still suffering.

Let the silence be heard.

Battles end... but war continues and will not end - can not end - until love's symphony brings silence to the violence... until the entire planet rings out with the sound of no one fighting... no one suffering... and no one dying.

Let the silence be heard.

And so we take a moment of silence - to remember those who gave more than we had the right ask... to thank those who survived only to have to live with the memories... to honour those who continue to defend us.

Let the silence be heard.

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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

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

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IN CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS OF COURAGE & COMMITMENT

2010 Proof Silver Dollar—100th Anniversary of the Canadian Navy

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Navy, the Royal Canadian Mint has proudly produced the **2010 Proof Silver Dollar** featuring a beautiful portrayal of **HMCS Sackville** – one of the original Flower Class corvettes that gained recognition for her exemplary service in World War II. Later, in 1982, the legendary *Sackville* was reconverted to her original state as 'The Canadian Naval Memorial', a living museum honouring the Canadian Navy and now permanently stationed in Halifax NS.

Of his commission to design the 2010 Proof Silver Dollar, renowned Canadian artist Yves Bérubé says, "I am honoured and excited to be part of the Canadian Navy's centennial celebrations by designing this coin. In the past, I've had the good fortune to speak with some of the brave men who were part of Canada's naval adventure. Looking back, it is ironic that one of the first people who encouraged me to pursue my art was, in fact, a first mate on one of Canada's corvettes during the Second World War. I wish he were here today to share this wonderful achievement with me and all the courageous sailors who gave their lives for peace."

Show your pride in Canada's Navy heritage with this beautiful coin—a must-have keepsake or special gift for history buffs, sailors and military enthusiasts. To order this limited edition commemorative coin and see our Navy collection, visit mint.ca/ANAVETS or call 1-866-744-8843.



THE ARMY, NAVY, & AIR FORCE VETERANS IN CANADA

50TH CONVENTION CALL

The Dominion Convention, the supreme governing body of the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada Association, shall meet for the 50th time during 3-6 October, 2010 in Stratford, Ontario at the Arden Park Hotel, 552 Ontario Street. The Host Command is Ontario. Guest room reservations can be made with the hotels by calling 1-877-788-8818 for BC, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia delegates. Delegates from Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan will reserve guestrooms at the River Garden Inn at 1-800-741-2135. Delegates and guests are responsible for making their own/spouses reservations. Rate are 122.95 + applicable taxes per night for a standard room based on single or double occupancy. If you encounter any problems with room reservations please contact the Dominion Office at (613) 744-0222.

GENERAL ITINERARY

Saturday 2 October 2010

1200 - 2000 Registration Main Lobby, Arden Park Hotel
2000 – Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting (Lower 1 & 2)

Sunday, 3 October 2010

0800 - 1200 Registration Main Lobby, Arden Park Hotel
0900 – Committee Meetings (various room locations)
1300 - Depart hotel for Parade formation
1700 – Formal Opening of the Convention (Kroehler Ballrooms)

Monday 4 October 2010

0900 – Plenary Sessions (Kroehler Ballrooms)
1130 - 1300 - Dominion President's Luncheon- (Kroehler A)

Tuesday 5 October 2010

0900 – Plenary Sessions (Kroehler Ballrooms)
1330 - Sports Afternoon (Stratford, Kitchener & St Mary's Units)

Wednesday 6 October 2010

0900 – Plenary Sessions (Kroehler Ballrooms)
1300 - Awards Presentations & Installation of Officers
1630 - Post Convention Board of Directors Meeting (Lower 1 & 2)
1800 - Cocktails
1900 - Convention Banquet

Notes:

1400 hours on Sunday - Parade and Wreath Laying at Cenotaph commences
Tuesday Afternoon – Sports Afternoon
1700 for 1800 Wednesday – Convention Banquet

RESOLUTIONS

Input from members of ANAVETS is absolutely crucial to the process reflectively raising issues to the attention of Dominion Command. This should be done through the resolution process in accordance with ANAVETS procedures as set out in By-Law 9.20; that is from a member to the Unit, to Provincial Command and then to Dominion Command. The resolutions must be submitted in a timely manner to reach the Dominion Secretary-Treasurer **at least by 31 July 2010, and hopefully earlier. Each Resolution shall:**

- a. deal with one subject only;
- b. be clear and concise with either a sufficient preamble or explanatory footnote; and
- c. Where possible be done in electronic format attached to and sent in by email.