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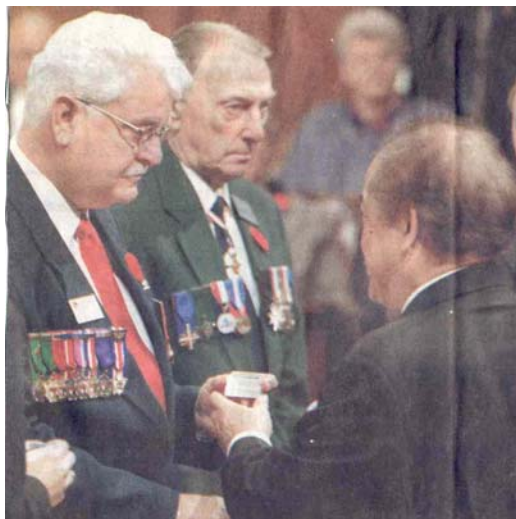
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## CANADA HONOURS ANAVETS' DOMINION PRESIDENT CASSELS

Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation 



**Bob Cassels receives his well-deserved Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation from Minister of Veterans Affairs Dr. Rey Pagtakhan 7 Nov 2002 in the Senate Chamber on Parliament Hill.**

Since serving in uniform, many of Canada's Veterans have continued to provide outstanding service to their country, their communities, and their fellow Veterans. To formally recognize those contributions, the Governor General has authorized the creation of the *Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation*.

(See additional details on next page)

### The Nomination ...

A member of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of "The Canadian Guards" during the late 1950's and early 1960's, Mr. Cassels served Canada both at home and in Germany. During 2000 he commenced his second term as Dominion President of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada (ANAVETS), a position he was first elected to fill during 1990. He has worked diligently on behalf of the organization and its Veteran constituency since 1972, receiving numerous accolades for his efforts. He also played an important role in the negotiations to obtain compensation for Canada's Merchant Navy Veterans in 2000-2001. Mr. Cassels presently serves on the Youth Development Committee of ANAVETS as well as the Veterans Affairs Canada 'Canadian Forces Advisory Council. As part of his work with ANAVETS, Mr. Cassels participates in most Veterans Affairs commemorative pilgrimages to overseas battlefields. Mr. Cassels has contributed in an exemplary manner to the care and well-being of Veterans and to the remembrance of their contributions, sacrifice and achievements.

## 2002 Convention Wreath Laying & Parade

At 1500 hours on 15 September 2002, attention, stand-at-ease, stand easy, now pay attention were only some of the commands bellowed out as Sgt-at-Arms Howard Clarke led our ANAVETS' delegates and colour parties along the streets of downtown Edmonton to the Cenotaph in front of city hall. The delegates, dressed in their summer uniforms, marched along with chests sticking out proudly. The gathering crowds applauded approving.

At the Cenotaph, there was a General Salute, Invocation by Padre Reed, Last Post, Two Minutes of Silence, The Lament, Reveille, Act of Remembrance followed by wreath laying. Laying wreaths along with President Cassels and Host Provincial President Tom McKnight were representatives from Veterans Affairs, Canadian Forces, Province of Alberta and the City of Edmonton.



L to R: Immediate Past President Bert Pritchard, President Bob Cassels, & Past President Russ Ward



### Membership — Remains ANAVETS # 1 Priority

Since the fall of 2001, membership has been ANAVETS number one priority. Convention 2002 confirmed that it must remain ANAVETS' number one priority or we may cease to exist in the future. Executives and members at all levels must continue taking appropriate action to improve our membership numbers. We know that there is nothing we can do to stop aging and that inevitably many of our elders will join their brethrens in Heaven Unit # 1. Therefore, it is obvious that our future lies with Canada's younger folks and getting them to join our Association.

ANAVETS is a state of transition and how we handle the transition could mean a re-birth or the demise of our Association. There are some tough choices ahead if we are to walk that fine line between maintaining traditions and becoming a more progressive organization that will appeal to today's and tomorrow's youth. Let us not assume like the executives of Eaton's obviously did and think that there is no need to adapt to the changes going on about us. We do not have a monopoly and the younger generation has other veteran associations to join if we do not meet their needs. The Royal Canadian Legion has publicly announced that it has formed a committee to increase their membership by asking other current veteran groups to join with them. One example of their target group would be the two Peacekeeping and the Gulf War Associations. It would be great if we could increase our membership by having such veterans groups join ANAVETS, but we seem to be slow off the mark. This important issue was raised by the President at our convention but those who spoke were unwilling to compromise when it came to allowing such other groups to retain some identities if they joined ANAVETS. (Sounds like former Eaton's strategy)

*Paying special attention to first year members can convert them into productive lifetime members*

Maintaining or better yet, increasing membership is vital to our survival. To do so, we will have remove or soften what may be seen as "barriers" to our membership growth.

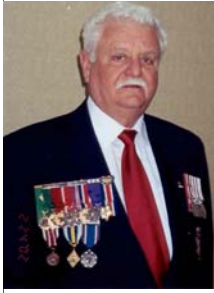
One such barrier was removed when the delegates approved of a resolution permitting gender free membership in ANAVETS. Females may join the Association now under the same criteria as men. Females are to be welcomed in your unit as equal comrades and permitted to join in the decision-making process. They have a choice to join the Ladies Auxiliary, the full Association or both. Someday, we may even have a female President!

Regrettably other resolutions that would have removed potential barriers to new members were defeated. There still appears to be a reluctance to change and a mistrust of younger people. The "ball team taking over the club syndrome" was given as the emotional reason.

While many Units do all they can to make the new member feel welcome, there are still many units out there who do not want to change from the past. They still think that competent and bright young people are going to want to join an organization where they are expected to volunteer their services and time for our units, pay their dues like all members, but not be recognized as an equal member by having a voice, vote, and vacant seat at the decision-making table? Under such conditions, we are in danger of attracting people who are looking for just a cheap "watering hole". What we NEED and should want are young members who are looking for what we can offer: a rewarding and challenging opportunities in support of veteran's issues, the community, as well as offering the benefits of warm comradeship and social activity.

**SPEAK OUT ! Let's hear from you on this issue.**

# President's Message



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to congratulate the Alberta Provincial Command for a very well organized convention. We had a lot of work for all of the delegates and the executive officers with the number of resolutions we had before us at the convention. The secretary has already sent many of them on to the different Government Departments to which that they pertain.

We have formed two new committees within the Dominion Board, one is an 'inner-cabinet' which shall be called the **Dominion Executive Management Committee (DEMC)** to handle the day-to-day operations of the Association and problems that may arise. The second committee is the **Dominion Priorities & Planning Committee (DPPC)** that consists of two Dominion Vice-President's and two Provincial Presidents. See the new committee structure and compositions attached.

One of the major topics at the Convention present in all of the reports was membership. This is the number one priority for this year and into the future for ANAVETS. There were many suggestions that arose from the membership committee meeting that were pre-

mented to the Convention. The Membership Committee Chairman will be following-up on these with each Provincial Command Committee Member.

To all of the members, I would like to THANK YOU for the confidence you have shown towards the Dominion Executives in the past and into the future.

And, as this is the last newsletter for this year, we wish everyone the best of health and good cheer for the festive season.

Bob Cassels

## Comrade Cassels Continues As President

Moved by BC President Marsh, seconded by ON President Edison, and carried by more than the necessary 2/3 majority of voting delegates that Comrade Bob Cassels' term as President be extended for a further two years. This was the surprising motion at the start of elections for the Dominion Executive Officers. Called on to once again serve the ANAVETS' members as their national leader, Comrade Cassels graciously accepted the will of the delegates. It was believed that most delegates felt that Comrade Cassels was the obvious choice available to lead ANAVETS at this crucial time in our history. Continued good luck Bob!

## ANAVETS' WEB SITE — [www.anavets.ca](http://www.anavets.ca) — Visit us....

Now on the web site you will find this newsletter and the past two **in colour** along with many pictures taken during Convention 2002 in Edmonton. We continue to try to provide an informative and interesting site for ANAVETS members and potential members. While not professional web masters, we have tried to make it reflect our traditions and member's composition. In colours, you will note the dark navy blue for our naval members, the light brown of our Army comrades and light blue for our Air Force. So far, there has been some interest shown as over 7900 people have visited the site at the time of writing this article. Include in the site are news

*Remember....doing business  
without advertising is like winking at  
a girl in the dark. You know what  
you are doing, but no one does!*

& views which contains a link to our newsletters, purpose, history, organization, membership with reasons why one should join ANAVETS, links to veteran related sites, a kitshop page complete with a listing of regalia store items and current prices, and a printable form for ordering regalia. Use it as a publicity tool by viewing it or sending potential customers to see who we are and what we are all about. We would like to congratulate Units # 3, 95, 217, 283, 303, 308, 365 for their excellent web sites and in particular #283, Winnipeg for winning a golden award for web design. Does your Unit have one? If so, please let us know. If not, why not?

## Regalia News

We have lots of stock ready to send to you as soon as we receive your order. Sorry for any delays that occurred while we were away for the convention and the short period after as we raced to catch up.

The 2003 pocket calendars are in stock now so get your orders in right away.

For those of you who have seen our new pad portfolios with the gold ANAVETS' crest, I am sure you will be

impressed with the quality and looks. We can obtain them for you if we receive large enough orders. Price would be around \$25 each.

Remember our goal: For orders received by 1200 hours we do everything possible to get the order out the same day and usually do if it is in stock.

You can find our complete list of inventory and prices on our web site at [www.anavets.ca](http://www.anavets.ca)

## In Memoriam



WE SHALL  
NOT FORGET

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the passing of the following members of ANAVETS:

### Laura Daum ( 5 July 2002)

- Past L.A. Provincial President from B.C.

### George Campbell (17 July 2002)

- Past Dominion President

### Millie Edison ( 25 July 2002)

- Past L.A. Provincial President from Ontario

### Judge Daniel T. Foley (17 August 2002)

— Serving President of ANAVICUS from Minnesota

#### George Murray Memorial Bursary

ANAVETS Unit 13 from Portage La Prairie would like to announce that, starting in 2003, they will be establishing a \$300.00 bursary for former members of 19 RCACC with 2 years of service in the Cadet Corps that want to further their education. The bursary is in honour of Comrade George Murray, a benefactor of ANAVET Unit 13 and will be known as the George Murray Memorial Bursary. It will be awarded to the most deserving former Corp member graduating from either Arthur Meighen or Portage Collegiate Institute High School.

#### Former Dominion Secretary-Treasurers

**Ian Inrig**— surfaced 20 Oct at a Peacekeeping Ceremony in Ottawa receiving his peacekeeping medal on parade as a peacekeeper. Apparently he has retired in the Picton, Ontario area.

**Peter Ambroziak**— apparently alive and well and returning to work with veterans as a Service Officer at the Dominion Command of the Legion.

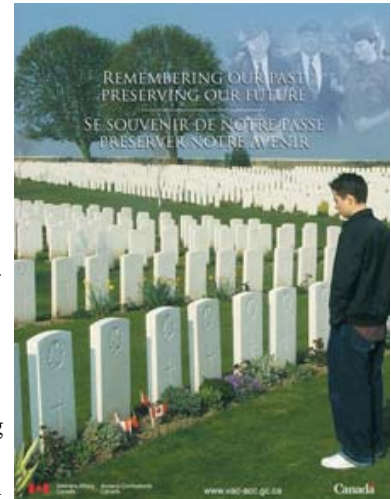
#### VAC Supports Alzheimer Wandering Registry Program for Eligible Veterans

VAC announced a new benefit for eligible veterans who want to participate in a nationwide identification program to help people with Alzheimer Disease return safely home after wandering. The \$25 registration fee is covered for any veteran currently receiving benefits from VAC. Individuals registered with the Alzheimer Wandering Registry Program wear a bracelet with an engraved identification number. This unique ID number allows police to access the Program's database to identify the individual's name and reunite him/her with family or caregiver.

## Remembering Our Past, Preserving Our Future

On 11 Oct in Ottawa, the Honourable Dr. Rey Pagtakhan, Minister of Veterans Affairs unveiled, on Parliament Hill, the official Veterans' Week 2002 poster commemorating Canadian veterans. He was joined by Brendan Matthews, a high

school student from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, who is featured on this year's poster.



Pictured below at the unveiling is L to R, the Minister, Jack Arseneault representing ANAVETS & Duane Daly from the RCL.



## Veterans Week— 5-11 Nov 2002

Each year, Canadians pause on November 11 to remember the veterans who served our country in times of war during the 20th century — the men and women who died or risked their lives while serving in the Army, the Air Force, the Navy, the Merchant Navy, and with peacekeeping forces. We also remember the men, women and children who rallied to support Canada's war efforts in countless ways in homes, businesses, factories, voluntary service organizations and schools across the country.

Through the yearly celebration of Veterans' Week, we have a unique opportunity to better understand the achievements of men, women and children of all ages, from all backgrounds and in all areas of endeavour, who contributed wherever they were needed in wartime.



Getting involved is the first step towards remembering the past, understanding the present and facing the future. Some things to consider:

1. Wear a poppy in tribute to the men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom.
2. Attend commemorative ceremonies at the local cenotaph.
3. Plan a candlelight tribute to commemorate a special anniversary with one of the regiments, air force groups or naval associations in your area.
4. Go to the local schools and become an educator by speaking about the role your military unit or association played during the First World War, the Second World War, the Korean War or the Gulf War.
5. Show a film or video on the part Canadians played in different conflicts and in maintaining world peace.
6. Encourage your local public library to create a display of wartime memorabilia (for example, photographs, uniforms, badges, military medals and decorations, diaries).
7. Visit a veterans' residence, senior citizens' residence or nursing home to talk to older men and women about their lives and experiences during times of war.
8. Ask your local school board, a trustee or teachers to use the school resources provided free each year by Veterans Affairs Canada in the classroom.
9. Get in touch with a member of the Canadian Forces either in Canada or overseas. All the addresses for Canadian Forces bases and overseas operations are listed on the National Defence Web site at [http://dgaapp.forces.gc.ca/messages/message\\_default\\_e.asp](http://dgaapp.forces.gc.ca/messages/message_default_e.asp).
10. Organize a walking tour of historic sites related to veterans' achievements in your community, for example businesses, hospitals, museums, grave sites, etc.

**Use your imagination! And share your ideas with us. Please let us know what your Unit & Command are doing for Veterans Week prior to 22 Nov.**

### Minister of VAC 's Commendation

The Minister will present his new Commendations during Veteran's Week 2002. There is to be only 25 given out for this year. We hope that at least one will go to an ANAVETS' member at the Senate Remembrance Ceremony on 7 Nov. I shall be there in attendance and will report to you in the next newsletter.

## Juno Beach Centre

There is a compelling need to preserve the memory and tell the story of Canada's military and civilian contributions and efforts during the Second World War. To date there is no significant Canadian memorial that marks these achievements, anywhere. The Juno Beach Centre at Courseulles-sur-Mer in Normandy will provide recognition of Canada's military and civilian contributions during the Second World War. It will preserve for future generations the knowledge of the contributions of that generation of Canadians and honour the gifts of valour and freedom that were given by all Canadians who participated. The Minister of Canadian Heritage has designated the Juno Beach landing site to be a site of national historic significance to Canada. The Juno Beach Centre Association expects to open the Juno Beach Centre in Normandy, France in June of 2003

### Now it is your turn....Become a financial Supporter

Donations will make this project possible and are welcome in any amount from individuals, groups or corporations. Tax receipts will be issued. This will be the major Canadian WW II memorial in Europe. For more information, see web site [www.junobeach.org](http://www.junobeach.org)

### New VAC Advisory Committee 60th Anniversary of D-Day Landings

The Minister of Veterans Affairs has created an Advisory Committee to Assist in the commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of D-Day Landings on 6 June 2004. The committee held its inaugural meeting in Ottawa 21 October. The committee consists of Richard Rohmer (Chairman), Charles Belzile (Battle of Normandy Foundation & RCL), Cliff Chatterton (NCVA), Jack Arseneault (ANAVETS), and Doug Clorey from VAC as secretary. Deputy Minister Larry Murray is an ex-officio member. The next meeting will be held in December. Eventually, once things become more organized, we will be seeking names of ANAVETS' members who landed on Juno Beach on 6 June 1944.

### Government of Canada Accepting Applications for First Nations Veterans Package

Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) is now accepting applications for the First Nations Veterans Package. The Government of Canada has committed a total of \$39 million to the First Nations Veterans Package, including administrative costs, in response to the longstanding grievances of First Nations Veterans who settled on reserves after the wars. Eligibility information and applications for the First Nations Veterans Package can be obtained by calling 1-800-818-3286. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2003.

## AWARDS RECIPIENTS AT CONVENTION 2002

### AWARD OF MERIT

President Cassels bestowed ANAVETS' highest Association award on six very deserving and worthy members on 18 September. Comrades **William Scott** of North Vancouver Unit 45, BC; **John Yeomans** of South Vancouver Unit 26, BC; **Keith Eriksen** Victoria Unit 12, BC; **Eddie Gillette** of Unit 38 Saskatoon, Sask; **Norm Bowers** of Lakeview Unit 262, Ontario; and **George (Al) Irons** of Unit 38, Saskatoon, Sask. were awarded the Award of Merit for being outstanding contributing members of ANAVETS. Comrades Irons was unable to attend so Eddie Gillette accepted the Award on his behalf. Congratulations are extended to all six outstanding comrades!

### Honorary Life Membership

On 16 September, President Cassels presented the Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs, Mr Larry Murray, with an ANAVETS Honorary Life Membership for the wonderful work on behalf of veterans and his close friendship with ANAVETS..

## President's Cup For Membership Improvement— And The Winners Were!

### BC Comd:

Small Unit — Matsqui 315  
Medium Unit — Penticton 97

**Alberta Comd:** Medium — Alexander of Tunis 2

### Manitoba & NW Ont Comd:

Small Unit— Thompson 388  
Medium Unit— Rockwood 303  
Large Unit— John Osborn V.C. 1

### Saskatchewan Comd:

Large Unit—Prince Albert 222

### Quebec Comd:

Small Unit—Quebec 33

### Ontario Comd:

Small Unit—Orillia 400  
Medium Unit— Madawaska Valley 378

### Nova Scotia Comd:

Small Unit— Glace Bay 246  
Medium Unit—Citadel 373

**WELL DONE !!!**

## American Legion Friendship Award Recipients—Congratulations All!!!

Shirley Aucoin	Glace Bay, NS	Nova Scotia Command
Charlie Carroll	Dartmouth, NS	Nova Scotia Command
Kenneth Henderson	Montreal, PQ	Quebec Command
Charles Gordon	Lennoxville, PQ	Quebec Command
Richard Baker	Toronto, ON	Ontario Command
Edward Plyley	Simcoe, ON	Ontario Command
Gordon Ashton	Barrie, ON	Ontario Command
Allan Egan	Brantford, ON	Ontario Command
Jim Eaton	Saskatoon, ON	Saskatchewan Command
Gordon Pope	Prince Albert, ON	Saskatchewan Command
L.A. (Bert) Lafond	Moose Jaw, ON	Saskatchewan Command
Syd Stamper	Winnipeg, MB	Manitoba & NW Ontario Command
Thomas Whitfield	Winnipeg, MB	Manitoba & NW Ontario Command
Elinor Radcliffe	Thunder Bay, ON	Manitoba & NW Ontario Command
Bob Greenhall	Calgary, AB	Alberta Command
Carol Nolan	Grande Prairie, AB	Alberta Command
Cy Poole	Sidney, BC	British Columbia Command
Andrew Perrie	Burnaby, BC	British Columbia Command
Robert Young	Richmond, BC	British Columbia Command
William Calvert	Vancouver, BC	British Columbia Command
Karl Krause	Vernon, BC	British Columbia Command
F.S. Sterling McMillan	Sidney, BC	British Columbia Command



## Queen's Golden Jubilee Medals Recipients



Commemorative medals are struck from time to time to mark important anniversaries and other great occasions. In keeping with this tradition, the Golden Jubilee Medal of Queen Elizabeth II commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty's reign as Queen of Canada. The Medal is being awarded to Canadians who have made a significant contribution to their fellow citizens, their community or to Canada. The awarding of the medals will focus both on the achievements of those people who, over the past 50 years, have helped create the Canada of today, and on the achievements of younger Canadians who are actively contributing to our future. Recipients will be Canadian citizens who have made an outstanding and exemplary contribution to the community or to Canada as a whole. One hundred members of ANAVETS have been so recognized by the Governor General and have or are being awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal...55 were presented by the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Lois Hole. The remainder have been presented their medal in a suitable ceremony in their home province.

Bruch	William	Calgary	AB	Khan	Akmal Walter	Dartmouth	NS
Crowshaw	Stanley (Sam)	Grande Prairie	AB	Khan	Margaret Mae	Dartmouth	NS
Jasper	Russell A.	Cochrane	AB	Leslie	Frank Edward	Halifax	NS
McKnight	Thomas	Edmonton	AB	Poirier	Patrick J.	Halifax	NS
McKnight	Eveline R.	Edmonton	AB	Thomas	William Edgar	Tatamagouche	NS
Nordin	Jean	Grande Prairie	AB	White	Thomas G.	New Waterford	NS
Thompson	Gordon	Calgary	AB	Arseneault	John William	Gloucester	ON
White	Donald	Lethbridge	AB	Baker	Rick	Toronto	ON
Wightmore	Pearl	Edmonton	AB	Barnett	Kenneth	Frankford	ON
Bonnier	Edward Clovis	Penticton	BC	Byron	Charles	Barrie	ON
Calvert	William	Langley	BC	Calligan	Janet	Toronto	ON
Campbell	George T.	Vancouver	BC	Cassels	Lise	Stratford	ON
Drysdale	Elaine	Vancouver	BC	Cassels	Robert R.	Stratford	ON
Goshko	Sharon Ann	Richmond	BC	Cohen	James	Toronto	ON
Houghton	Henry Price	Chilliwack	BC	Dawdy	Linda	Brantford	ON
Janisse	J. Ralph	Richmond	BC	Dowling	Andrew	Mississauga	ON
Jarvis	Everett Ernest	Kelowna BC		Edison	Sheila	Toronto	ON
Mah	Roy	Vancouver	BC	Edison	Ronald	Toronto	ON
Mann	Donald T.	Saanichton	BC	Egan	Allan	Brantford	ON
Marsh	Gordon J.	Kamloops	BC	Elliott	Jean	Simcoe	ON
Mathews	Lois Margaret	Kamloops	BC	Fimrite	Deanna	Ottawa	ON
Parker	Shirley	Richmond	BC	Gallant	Shirley	Innisfil	ON
Potter	Dean	Penticton	BC	Gallant	Lou	Innisfil	ON
Pritchard	Herbert J.	Burnaby BC		Grant	Janice	Maynooth	ON
Robinson	Ronald V.	Vancouver	BC	Gustafson	Walter	Thunder Bay	ON
Scott	William R.	Maple Ridge	BC	Levesque	Patricia	Mississauga	ON
Smith	Laurence A.D.	Vancouver	BC	Mackey	James	Glenburnie	ON
Smith	Vernon	Vernon	BC	McFarlane	Joanne	Mississauga	ON
Turner	Norman F.B.	Burnaby BC		McKinnon	Neil	Midhurst	ON
Waterfall	John P.	Sidney	BC	Rodgers	Dianne	London	ON
Wonnacott	William	Vancouver	BC	Tracey	Patrick	Stratford	ON
Yeomans	John S.	Vancouver	BC	Brady	Richard (Dick)	St. Foy	PQ
Young	Robert K.	Richmond	BC	Chabot	Roger	Montreal East	PQ
Fisher	Elizabeth A.	Winnipeg	MB	Chaplin	Ronald	Lennoxville	PQ
Henderson	Joseph M.	Winnipeg	MB	Cormier	Cedric	Lennoxville	PQ
Killen	Gary R.	Winnipeg	MB	Henderson	Kenneth	Montreal East	PQ
McGrath	John Morrow	Winnipeg	MB	Knowlton	Malcolm	Magog	PQ
Montsion	J.A. (Jerry)	Winnipeg	MB	Lafortune	Pierre	Montreal East	PQ
Parago	Patrick	Thompson	MB	Nutbrown	Wes	Lennoxville	PQ
Shepherd	Art	Brandon MB		Vachon	Helen	Lennoxville	PQ
Smith	R.G. (Ron)	Winnipeg	MB	Bond	Ruth	Saskatoon	SK
Terry	Michael J.	Selkirk	MB	Cleveland	Ernest R.	Saskatoon	SK
Thompson	John	Winnipeg	MB	Gillette	Eddie	Saskatoon	SK
Thomson	Myrtle	Portage La Prairie	MB	Irons	George (Al)	Saskatoon	SK
Torgasows	Beryl	Winnipeg	MB	Kornberger	Conrad (Connie)	Regina	SK
Weedon	Harold Douglas	Winnipeg	MB	Mooney	Robert A.	Prince Albert	SK
MacFarlane	Lisabeth Jean	Wakefield	NB	Moss	Caryl	Regina	SK
Aucoin	Shirley	Glance Bay	NS	Smith	Lionel	Prince Albert	SK
Field	George Edward	Dartmouth	NS	Wallace	Wilmot (Bill)	Moose Jaw	SK
Hillier	Noel	Sydney Mines	NS	Ward	William Thomas	Moose Jaw	SK

## Resolutions Passed on 2002 Convention Floor

### OBLIGATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO VETERANS—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Forces, the Department of National Defence, Veterans Affairs Canada, the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada and other major veterans organizations work together to develop a modern vision that will encompass the obligation of the Government of Canada and all Canadians to those who serve or have served in the Canadian Forces:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this vision address an integrated approach to the diverse aspects of this obligation now covered by legislation, plans or programs such as the Pension Act and related statutes and regulations, the Service Income Security Insurance Plan, the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act, Canada Pension Plan, Employment Insurance legislation and the like; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the requirements which flow from the obligation identified in the determination of the vision be addressed by a comprehensive, integrated plan modeled on the elements of the Veterans Charter to the extent they are still relevant:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the solutions proposed be analysed to determine whether the proposed integrated system would be cost effective in comparison to the program and infrastructure costs under the current systems.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS ASSISTANCE—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Veterans Affairs Canada in consultation with veterans organizations shift from a program-based to a needs-based system for the purpose of meeting the needs of veterans and their spouses

### REVISION OF VAC TABLES OF DISABILITIES—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Veterans Affairs Canada, in consultation with The Army Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada Association and other major veteran organizations, continue to review and update the Table of Disabilities to make it a more effective guideline to assist in the proper assessment of pensioners' disabilities.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that guideline for entitlement be prepared in a like manner.

### STUDY IN SURVIVOR PENSION BENEFITS—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Veterans Affairs Canada in consultation with The Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada Association and other veterans' organizations study the disability pension scheme, particularly with respect to survivor benefits, so that a more equitable result based on needs can be achieved.

### PRISONERS OF WAR PENSION—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Veterans Affairs Canada, in consultation with veterans organizations, expand Prisoners of War benefits to include those who were prisoners of war for less than 89 days; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those imprisoned for more than 911 days be eligible for increased percentages of basic pension for each additional 365 days or portion thereof that the person was a prisoner of war.

### REVISION OF VETERANS INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM CRITERIA—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Veterans Affairs Canada make the Veterans Independence Program available to veterans based on need for the program rather than other diverse criteria.

### RESTORATION OF VIP TO SPOUSE—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Veterans Independence Program be expanded to include the continuation of spousal benefits for the recipient veteran's dependent spouse or surviving spouse where due need for the program exists.

### VIP – WIDOW/WIDOWER—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Veterans Affairs allow the widow/widower to receive advance payment on a monthly basis and retain the receipts, on informing Veterans Affairs Canada that there has been no changes in the home expenses following the death of the spouse.

### TRAVEL REDUCTIONS—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that travel programs and benefits for veterans be determined on the same basis as reimbursement to public servants in similar circumstances.

MODIFY INCOME METHODS— THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that married and single rates be revised to reflect today's difficult economic times.

### ALLOCATION OF VETERAN'S BEDS—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Veterans Affairs Canada work closely with the veteran's organisations, provincial and municipal authorities to define appropriate criteria for the allocation of beds to veterans to ensure that their needs are met; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the criteria include the provision for accommodating the spouses of veterans when that would be appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ste. Anne's be made available to spouses of veterans provided the needs of veterans are given priority.

### OVERSIGHT FOR TRANSITION FROM ACUTE CARE—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Veterans Affairs Canada institute a transitional care program to meet the needs of those veterans whose circumstances result in their transition to or from acute care by overseeing a comprehensive care plan that will ensure the safety and dignity of the veteran.

### PROVISION FOR NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Veterans Affairs Canada changes its policy and provide payment for naturopathic medicines that are demonstrated to be beneficial to the veteran.

### VAC/LAST POST FUND FUNERAL GRANTS—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Veterans Affairs increase their rates for funeral services and burials in line with those allowed by the RCMP and/or the Department of National Defence.

### CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTRE—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Veterans Affairs Canada initiate, fund and deliver a program to provide crisis intervention for former members of the Canadian Forces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the crisis intervention program employ to the maximum former members of the Canadian Forces for the purposes of establishing credibility of the program and engaging through experience those whom it is designed to serve.

### CANADIAN FORCES TRANSITION ASSISTANCE—

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transition program be implemented in full consultation with veterans organizations; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transition program be structured to employ former members of the Canadian Forces to the greatest extent possible in order to maintain credibility and provide the expertise required for the success of the program.

### BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE – CANADIAN FORCES—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian government order development of a Book of Remembrance containing the names of all those who have died in the service of peace while serving in Special Duty Areas or with NATO while in the performance of their duty.

### EDUCATION ALLOWANCE—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the government of Canada reinstate the Education Assistance Program for Canadian Forces veterans and their surviving dependents; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Veterans Affairs Canada consults with veterans' organisations and the Canadian Forces to determine appropriate criteria for eligibility.

### LAST POST FUND—

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we petition the Last Post Fund to also accept this definition of Veteran. (Editorial note: The definition of veteran in this case referred to a honourably discharged member of the Canadian Forces)

## Resolutions Passed on 2002 Convention Floor

RE-INSTATEMENT OF FULL BENEFITS— THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this Command, along with ANAVETS Dominion Command and Dominion and Area Commands and Branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, lobby the Provincial and Canadian Governments to re-instate the full eligibility for all benefits to Canadian Veterans whose service was in Canada only, and to those Allied Veterans who served along with our Canadian Forces.

ANAVETS' WEEK—THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association proclaim Canada Day July 01 to July 07 ANAVETS Week in Canada.

WEARING OF POPPY—THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Poppy, being such a powerful symbol, of our Remembrance, of our Fallen Comrades, be available to be worn all day 11 November out of Respect and Remembrance.

CURRENT STATE OF THE CANADIAN FORCES STRENGTH— THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada lobby our Government so that our military forces be brought up in numbers including Joint Task Force Two, the Canadian elite anti-terrorist unit, to at least 80,000 personnel as quickly as possible.

CURRENT STATE OF THE CANADIAN FORCES EQUIPMENT— THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada lobby our Government so that the Canadian Forces equipment be brought up to date by replacing all that is aging and obsolete.

### ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP

DOMINION BYLAW SECTION 7 (3) - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dominion Command Bylaw Section 7, Sub-section (3) be amended by removing the words "the active" in the third line. The Bylaw would then read: "Vacancies occurring in the Board between Conventions shall be filled by the Board from members who qualify under subparagraph 16 (7) of the Association..."

### AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

#### DOMINION BYLAW SECTION 16 (7)(C)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dominion Command Bylaw Section 16, Sub-section 7(c) be amended by deleting the phrase "and the right to run for applicable executive office" from the third line. The Sub-section would then read:

#### (7) (c) Affiliate Member

Any Associate or Voting Associate who renews a membership after the second consecutive year (24 months) may be given Affiliate status with these same rights as an Active Member.

GENDER FREE MEMEBERSHIP— THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada Association accept immediately gender free membership throughout the Association and any and all By-laws or previous decisions be amended to reflect this new policy.

POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS— THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we accept the police and firefighter with three (3) years or more of service for active membership. This could help increase our active membership.

### DECORATIONS— (Dominion By-Laws 19(2)(1))

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that section 19(2)(1) be rewritten to include affiliate members.

### SUMMER DRESS UNIFORM—THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED :

THAT Dominion By-Laws be changed to read:

#### 20. UNIFORM: (Line 6)

The official summer dress of the Association shall be a military style (with epaulets) white short sleeve shirt with Association crest on the shoulder (use slip-ons), grey slacks, black shoes or boots, black socks, black web belt and the Association beret. In the case of female members, grey skirt is optional. The Provincial Command will have the right to decide the mode of dress for the colour parties within their Command.

### STANDING COMMITTEES - (Dominion By-Law 12(6))

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED By-Law 12(6) be re-written to include the sixth standing committee of membership, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that paragraph 12(11) be amended to reflect a membership committee.

### LONG SERVICE MEMBER (Dominion By-Law 16(10))

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that section 16(10) be re-written deleting the words "active & affiliate" so that section 16(10) will then read: Members must have ten (10) years in continuous good standing to be eligible for a long service pin.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP— THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the advance payments be rescinded, in this section and be re-written to read: "Will be billed later" to reflect the true cost of processing this award, including shipping and handling charges.

### POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE BOARD

(Dominion By-Law 11(2))

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the word "one (1) day" in 11(2) be deleted. The subsection would then read:

(2) The board shall meet prior to the opening of the convention and following the closing of the convention, also at the call of the President.

### MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP TO RETAIN OR RECEIVE AN ANAVETS' UNIT CHARTER—

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that Dominion By-Law # 14 (1) (a) (i) be changed to allow for a minimum of 25 people, who certify that they will maintain and support the traditions and objectives of ANAVETS, to petition for an Association Unit Charter. Therefore Be It Further Resolved that in the event a chartered Unit membership falls below 25, the Provincial Command of that Unit will give the Unit two years to increase membership back up to the minimum level of 25 people and will do everything it can to assist that unit to meet its minimum membership requirements. Every effort will be made to keep a unit open so that it may seize future opportunities to grow, develop and prosper.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP— Therefore Be It Resolved that Ladies Auxiliary members be allowed to join the parent Unit with all privileges to be provided according to the Association By-Laws governing such Unit and thereby also increasing our membership numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY # 1 - DUAL MEMBERSHIP - Therefore Be It Resolved that in said period of time she can be elected to the governing body of the Unit, providing that she does not hold an elected position of said Ladies Auxiliary and has active/affiliate status, therefore with these privileges there is no reason that she cannot be an elected delegate to any Convention and represent the respective Unit.

Please Pass On These Resolutions To All !!!

On December 17, 1903, the Wright brothers initiated what is now a rich history of world aviation. With the dawn of the centennial upon us, it is important that Canadians coast to coast join together in recognizing our achievements in aviation that will continue to inspire us for the next hundred years.

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**IS EVERYTHING**  
*A Canadian Celebration of 100 Years of Flight*



**Altitude is Everything - A Canadian Celebration of 100 Years of Flight** is a national campaign conceived by

Gerhard Schauble to raise awareness of Canada's contribution to aviation history and will include:

**Record-Breaking Flight**— Altitude is Everything will include a remarkable record-breaking flight around the world, which will originate from Vancouver, British Columbia in May, 2003. Gerhard Schauble of Kelowna, B.C. will attempt to circle the globe in his Glasair III with stops only for fuel. The flight will be the first significant solo attempt this century to circumnavigate the globe in a single engine aircraft. It is a grueling quest of man and machine...a 22,858-mile journey into aviation history! In the course of the flight over sixteen world records will be set along the flight path and around the world.

**Children's Poster Contest**— The Altitude is Everything campaign will be launched with an "Aviation" themed poster contest open to all students across Canada. Winning entries will be displayed at a Canadian Airshow.

**Altitude is Everything Spokespersons**— To help raise awareness of Canada's contribution to aviation over the past 100 years, we are recruiting notable leaders and historians from the aviation industry to act as spokespersons. These people will attend various functions throughout the centennial year.

**Some of the Sponsors Include:**



**Dr. Roberta Bondar**

"As the centennial of flight rapidly approaches, it is important that we as Canadians join together in recognizing and celebrating the achievements of our country in the field of aviation. Altitude is Everything is a commemoration of our past and an invitation to our future as we prepare to embark on the next 100 years of flight."

**General (Ret'd) Paul Manson, O.C., CMM, CD and ANAVETS Member at Large**

Beginning with the first flight of the Silver Dart, aviation has become a vital element of Canadian life. Canadians, for reasons related no doubt to geography, climate and a certain pioneer spirit, have taken to the air with ease and skill, to the point where the need to fly is a deeply embedded component of the Canadian character. From the earliest experiments, through two world wars, in bush flying and the development of great airlines and general aviation, we have come to love the sky as a highway and playground; it is as much a part of Canada as is the land and the water.



**Ken Brown, WWII Pilot "Dambusters" 617 Squadron**

I commend Altitude is Everything first in your choice to celebrate Canada's 100 years of flight and second to pass on our history to youth. Canadians are reluctant to acknowledge their accomplishments and the approach of Altitude is Everything will reach out to all Canadians. I am honoured to be an Honorary Patron and part of the team.

**ANAVETS Has Joined As A Community Partner To Support This Centennial Celebration. There is no cost involved and our logo and name will be associated with all national activities...good free publicity. All Commands and Units should fire up their "air" members and use "full throttle" imagination to see what ANAVETS can do to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Powered Flight. Other Community Partners include: Canada's Air Force; Canadian Space Agency; Canadian Forces Snowbirds & Air Cadet League of Canada. Let us know what you are doing out there please and thanks.**

**BULLETIN: OWNERS OF FIREARMS**

We have been contacted by the Canadian Firearms Registry with important information about firearms that could be helpful to you. The implementation of the New Firearms Act by the Government of Canada requires all firearms in this country to be registered by 31 December 31, 2002. Also, any firearm registered prior to December 1998 must be re-registered as your current registration certificate will expire on December 31, 2002. There is no cost to re-register. If you have prohibited firearms with grandfathering privileges and do not re-register before December 31, 2002, the privileges will expire.

In order to register any firearms, you must first have a valid firearms licence. You can obtain a licence application form by calling the Canadian Firearms Centre at 1-800-731-4000. If you already possess a valid licence or FAC, you can register your firearms by contacting the Centre and they will send you a personalized registration form to be completed, or you can register your firearms free through the internet at [www.cfc.gc.ca](http://www.cfc.gc.ca). Please do not delay in taking action. **Register Now!**

Why ask your Grandfather what it was like?



The above picture is intended to be a touch of humour but, there is no humour in what the Prime Minister is doing to our Canadian Forces people and equipment. Two resolutions were passed at our convention supporting our troops and urging the Prime Minister to action by morally and financially supporting our troops. President Cassels did not mix his words in a blunt letter to the Prime Minister.

**ANAVETS' Cadet Medal of Merit**



The highly sought after ANAVETS' Cadet Medal of Merit was awarded this summer to 36 outstanding cadets at various cadet camps across Canada. The interest in the cadet community in receiving this medal continues to grow as we have received a request for an additional 24 for air cadets.

Pictured at left is Cadet Daniel Podpollock of 88 RCACC, Cobourg receiving his ANAVETS' medal from Col (Ret'd) John

Hardy, an ANAVETS member at large. The picture was taken at the Connaught Rifle Range facility west of Ottawa.

**Attention All Commands & Units**

You should be receiving the 2002 Veterans' Week poster and an information package from Veterans Affairs shortly. You should also receive a letter to all veterans from the Prime Minister.

**2002 Convention Tidbits**

As you can see from the resolutions, females came up winners in ANAVETS. They now can join the parent unit under the same criteria as a male and participate in the Association's decision-making. They can be members of the L.A. and the parent Unit at the same time. They can vote in both, but they cannot hold office in both at the same time.

(Cadet Medal Recipients continued)

Names of cadet recipients for this year received to date are:

Name	City	Cadet Camp
Josh Lom	Nanaimo, BC	Whitehorse
Jamie Bishop	St Mary's NFLD	Argonaut
Evan St Croix	St Mary's NFLD	Argonaut
Deborah Coss	Fredricton NB	Argonaut
Zachary Warren	Hibernia NFLD	Argonaut
Vanessa Woodman	Placentia NFLD	Argonaut
Elaine Chabot-Letoureau	Quebec, PQ	Argonaut
Jean-Simon Lacroix	Montreal, PQ	HMCS Quebec
A. Binnie	Medicine Hat, AB	Borden
Cdt Cole	Pickering, ON	Borden
Shelby Emanuels	Surrey, BC	Connaught

Daniel Podpollock	Cobourg, ON	Connaught
Nicholas Goulet	Ottawa, ON	Connaught
Courtney Smith	Mount Pearl, NFLD	HMCS Acadia
Cdt Lau-Chapelaine		Blackdown
Cdt McQuaid		Blackdown
Cdt Colpitts		Blackdown
Cdt Anderson		Blackdown
Curtis Budden	Mount Pearl, NFLD	HMCS Quadra

Congratulations are extended to all the winners and our profound thanks to all the ANAVETS' members who so willingly gave of their time and effort to present these medals at the various camps. Thank you all!

### A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words— Our 2002 Edmonton Convention in Pictures



Edmonton Convention 2002 Organizing Committee from Winston Churchill Unit Hard at work. L to R: President Mike Romaniuk; Bill Cowan; Joanne Romaniuk; Rose Rosenberger; Charlie Kee; Pearl Whitmore; Bill Cook & to the right Eveline McKnight.



ANAVETS' Parade in downtown Edmonton at City Hall & Cenotaph



Selling Tickets at Registration



Dominion Officers on Parade



Lena Webster with VAC Display



Lobby Meeting after Parade



Opening Night Awaiting the Arrival of President Cassels and Lieutenant Governor



More Opening Night's Crowd



Flower Presenters  
L to R:  
Cadet Cody Smith  
Samantha Wallin  
Dylana Smith



Piper



Start of Business Session— 16 September 2002



ANAVETS' Honorary Life Membership to Larry Murray—DM



President Ken Blampied of the Korean Veterans Association present President Bob Cassels with a special Plaque



Delegates



Relaxing in the Hotel Lounge



Recording the Convention



MC Sam Crowshaw



Left: Dominion VP Russ Jasper and Legion VP



One of the hardest working people at the Convention was Sgt-at-Arms Howard Clarke with Immediate Past National Commander of the American Legion Richard Santos.....

Oops....too much hard work can tire a fellow out !



President's Luncheon—Monday 16 Sept



President Cassels & wife Lise with our American Friends from left, Dan Ludwig, Jake Comer & Richard Santos

### More Pictures of Our 2002 Edmonton Convention— AWARDS



Janice Grant, Past President Madawaska Valley Unit 378 Receives President Cup for increase in membership



Eddie Gillette receives Award of Merit (ANAVETS' highest award)



Norman Bowers receives Award of Merit



William R. Scott receives Award of Merit



John Yeomans receives Award of Merit



Donald Keith Eriksen receives Award of Merit



Gord Ashton, ON, receives American Friendship Award from President of ANAVICUS, Jake Comer.



Elinor Radcliffe (MB & NW ON); Ken Henderson (Quebec); Robert Young (B.C.)  
Some American Legion Friendship Award recipients  
(See Page 6 for list of all recipients and last page for complete groups picture)



**Even More Pictures — Our 2002 Edmonton Convention**



Lieutenant Governor Hole Arrives to present Queen's Golden Jubilee Medals



Immediate Past President Bert Pritchard receives the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal



Ruth Bond of Saskatoon Receives Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.



Above: Queen's Golden Jubilee Recipients (see page 7 for list)



To the Left: New Dominion Executive Officers for 2002-2004 with Dominion Office Staff: Left to Right:  
 Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
 Jack Arseneault  
 Peeking from the back: VP Bob Mooney from Saskatchewan  
 VP Chuck Byron from Ontario  
 VP John Thompson from Manitoba  
 VP Noel Hillier From Nova Scotia  
 President Bob Cassels  
 Immediate Past President Bert Pritchard  
 VP Ken Henderson from Quebec  
 VP Bill Wonnacott from B.C.  
 VP Sam Crowshaw from Alberta  
 Dominion Administrative Assistant,  
 Deanna Fimrite

## Command and Unit News — “Making a Difference”

Thank you once again to those who have shared their news with the Association. See attached the clippings that we have received about the wonderful things you great people are doing out there to “make a difference” and to make your communities a better place to live.

Since we have a scanner and computer it would be appreciated if you send in copies of the original photos. It makes for much better reproduction.

Our people do so much to make a difference. Please let us know of their outstanding work so we can share it with the whole Association. They deserve to be so recognized.



On 22 May, 2002 at the Fredericton Health Wing for Veterans, ANAVETS donated \$1000.00 towards “Wheels for Vets”, a fund drive for a van. Pictured above from left to right are: Woodstock, N.B. VP R. McBride, President R. Mac Farlane and the co-chairs of the drive W. Norrand and J. Raymond.



Ladies Auxiliary of Unit 342 Cornwall, ON, made a donation on 11 June 2002 of \$500 to the parent Unit. This was a proud moment for all. Pictured above from left to right are: Anita Bazinet, Bob Mayer, Gaston Lascelle, Claude Charbonneau, President Don Lebrun, President L.A. Shirley Thibeault and Denise Gravely.

See the newspaper articles attached that came in from various units. It is great to see such stories and of what and how the ANAVETS’ Association is doing for veterans, Canadians and communities across Canada. Well done to you all! Bravo Zulu!



At the convention, Stratford “Scottish Mafia” tried to sink our ex-sailor friend from the south, but to no avail. He met the challenge. No names...no pack drill!

### Bulletin for All ANAVETS’ Readers

**Here at Dominion Command we take pride in putting out information of value and importance to all members. We have heard that in many units the newsletter is not being passed around or at least at your monthly meetings, discussed. This is sad because it means that important information for our members is not getting to him or her. Perhaps that is why out of 583 nominations for the new Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation, only two can from ANAVETS...and one of those came from this office!**

**Provincial & Unit Presidents, we can only publish the information, you are responsible for disseminating it to the members. We need to do better.**

### Convention 2002— Minister of Veterans Affairs Reception



The food was sooo good...note Russ Ward getting in quickly!



President Bob Cassels jokes with Minister



Hmmm...a talent man the Minister



Go Russ Jasper Go! Everyone was having a great time!



Oh Oh.....we need to stop having fun for a speech!



Minister shares a joke with the Lees

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American Legion Friendship Award Recipients (See Page 6 for names)



L to R: Bob Cassels, Dan Ludwig,  
Jake Comer, Lt Gov of Alberta Lois  
Hole and Richard Santos.



L to R: Dan Ludwig, Bob & Lise  
Cassels, Jake Comer (New President  
of ANAVICUS) and Richard Santos.

## ANAVICUS NEWS

President Bob Cassels and his wife Lise travelled to Charlotte, North Carolina for the American Legion's Annual Conference held last week of August, 2002. They were met by long time ANAVETS friends Mr James & Stella Valentine from Indiana. (Editor's note: Although planning to do so, Jim & Stella were unable to attend the ANAVETS' Convention in September due to Jim's health.)

We all were saddened to learn of the sudden passing of ANAVICUS President Judge Foley of Minnesota in August while on his honeymoon in Nashville, TN. A great friend to ANAVETS, Judge Foley was a giant of man in more than physical stature. He will be sorely missed.

The new President of ANAVICUS is John P. (Jake) Comer from Quincy, Massachusetts. He is a Past President of the American Legion. The 1st Vice-President is Dan Ludwig, another Past President of the American Legion.

Each year a selected group of American Legionnaires

receive an ANAVETS Honorary Life Membership and it is considered a very prestige award. In a breakfast ceremony on 25 August, President Comer assisted President Cassels in inducting 75 new members into ANAVICUS. To date, over 800 members have been so inducted.

This year we were honoured at our biennial convention in Edmonton by the attendance of three American Legion Past Presidents, including the Immediate Past by only three weeks, Richard Santos who was with us for the entire week. He was very active and his company was enjoyed by all.

President Jake Comer and Dan Ludwig presented 22 deserving members of ANAVETS with the coveted American Friendship Award.

These awards mean so much to the recipients because of our nation's shared history and camaraderie in the wars our veterans fought "Shoulder to Shoulder" to protect the freedoms we enjoy today.