



# ANAVETS

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**Special Points:**

- New ANAVETS Christmas Card
- New Unit Membership Award
- 20 Units increase membership

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

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## Our 2009 "Friends of the Veteran" Reception



**The Honourable Greg Thompson's speech:**

Thank you Gord, And good afternoon members of the executive, honoured Veterans, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Thank you for again inviting me to the ANAVETS Friends of the Veteran luncheon.

And, if I may, I'd like to recognize a number of fellow Parliamentarians who are also here - because their presence says a lot about their own commitment to serving our nation's truest heroes: David Sweet Judy Foote Senator Joe Day.

Thank you - each one of you - for being here. It is through gatherings like this that we realize how truly lucky we are. How blessed we are. As a nation. And as Canadians.

And it is through gatherings like this that we come to fully appreciate ANAVETS' efforts throughout the year. That we understand what ANAVETS does on behalf of our Veterans. And on behalf of their families -- because you can't separate our Veterans and their families. The work you do is truly extraordinary, and I want to thank you. I want to thank you on behalf of our government and all Parliamentarians. I want to thank you on behalf of all those great Canadians you help. And I want to thank you on behalf of our grateful nation.

You know, just this week, I heard a quotation that has stayed with me over the past couple of days. I heard it while we were officially opening our new Operational Stress Injury clinic in Ottawa. The original source of this quotation is not known. The author is a mystery. But they are seven of the truest words you will ever hear: "In war, there are no unwounded soldiers."

Ladies and gentlemen, that is a simple truth but such a powerful statement. And those of you who have served this great country know that better than anyone. The Veterans and the families

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### MINISTER'S COMMENDATION -ANAVETS' RECIPIENTS 2009



Honorary Dominion President  
**Gerald Wharton**



Comrade **Eldon McCallum**  
 - Woodstock Unit 95

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| Comrade <b>Hugh MacKenzie</b><br>Rockwood Unit 303<br>Comrade <b>Robert Nisbet</b><br>Rockwood Unit 303<br>Comrade <b>George Peterson</b><br>Rockwood Unit 303<br>Comrade <b>Joseph Wareham</b><br>New Waterford Unit 217<br>Comrade <b>Brian Wolfe</b><br>Saskatoon Unit 38 |
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View details at [www.vac-acc.gc.ca/](http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/)

## 2008-2009 Scholarship Winners

Casey Barnett, granddaughter of Past Provincial Secretary, Ontario Command Kenneth Barnett, was the winner of the 2008-2009 Judge Daniel F. Foley Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is available to any direct descendant of an ANAVETS member who is attending a college or university course leading to a degree or diploma. 2009-2010 applications are currently being accepted at the Dominion office until September 1, 2009

L to R: Presenting the Judge Daniel F. Foley scholarship Jim Eaton, President of Saskatoon Unit #38, Casey Barnett and Charlie Smith, SK Provincial Vice President



Presentation of the Col Frank Kossa Scholarship awarded to an ANAVETS Cadet Medal of Merit recipient

L to R. Cadet Stephanie Plante Blanchette and ANAVETS representative JP LaFort.

## 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 re-type articles and scan in pictures because they are not in electronic format.

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

Thank you very much, Lorne and Deanna

### MEMBERSHIP REWARDS—ANAVETS / FRIENDS

ANAVETS members and their friends can now benefit by staying at the **Days Inn**, or **Motel 6** locations across Canada, and the United States. You will receive a 5% discount on your stay, and ANAVETS will receive a further 5% for use to support our Veterans.

The **Days Inn**, and **Motel 6** provide wonderful accommodation for your travel pleasure, and support our Veteran community as well.

When you make your reservation (on line, 1-800 or at the location) just give them the ANAVETS unique identification code.

We will be sending the **Code** and **contact** particulars out to you via E-mail when we receive them.

## ANAVETS' annual 'Friends of the Veteran' reception

(Minister's address cont)

you serve today know it's true, too. We pray each day that our soldiers will come home from their missions unharmed. And we are truly grateful that most do not suffer any visible scars. But we realize that none of them ever returns completely unscathed. For many of these soldiers, the cost is great. They pay a price for our freedom. For our way of life. They pay it with their hearts and with their souls. And they pay it with their minds and through their loss.

This is what we need to remember as Canadians. This is what we have to remember as the proud inheritors of this great and free and democratic country. And, every day, you serve these remarkable men and women. You have made it a mission - your new mission - to care for those who have always taken such great care of us.

And that is why our government, and all MPs, are proud to work with you to ensure the needs of our Veterans and their families are met. That they receive the care, the benefits and the services they've earned.

Your fingerprints and your contributions are all over everything we've accomplished for our heroes. You are one of our best partners. A full partner. And we are proud of that. We are proud of you.

Thank you., Gregory Thompson MP



Hanging around to the end... from Left, Deanna Fimrite, Marilyn and Gord Marsh, yours truly, George Beaulieu and his wife Eleanor Ford, Executive Director Army Cadet League of Canada, Terry Whitty, and Louise Richard, Member-at-Large and staunch supporter. Talk about:  
**SHOULDER TO SHOULDER**

**BACKGROUND:** This annual event 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.



## In Memoriam

## WE SHALL NOT FORGET

**Russ Ward** (August 18, 2008)  
Past Dominion President, Award of Merit Holder,  
RCNVR 1941-1946  
Life Member, Moose Jaw Unit #252

**Ron King** (July. 30, 2008)  
Member, Steveston Unit #284

**Dot Mullock** (June, 2008)  
Member, Steveston Unit #284

**Ralph Babuin** (August 11, 2008)  
Member, Steveston Unit #284

**Garry Holley** (August 12, 2008)  
Member, Steveston Unit #284

**Mary Crock Ford** (Sept.22, 2008)  
Member, Steveston Unit #284

**Eunice Tasker** (Nov. 22, 2008)  
Member, Steveston Unit #284

**Charles "Chuck" Byron** (Nov 24, 2008)  
Charter Member, Barrie Unit #365, Award of  
Merit Holder, Past Dominion Vice President

**Frank A.J. Spooner** (August, 2008)  
Member Assiniboia Unit #283, Firefighter Captain

**Lyle Edward Buss** (October, 2008)  
Member Assiniboia Unit #283

**Red (Mienard) Dielschneider** (Oct.,2008)  
R.C.N. 1943-1945, Stoker, HMCS Queen  
Life Member Assiniboia Unit #283

**Edward James McNeill** (October 1, 2006)  
R.C.A.F. 1942-1945  
Member Assiniboia Unit #283

**Gudjon (John) Abrahamson** (, 2008)  
Service in Canada 1944-1945  
Life Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Dorothy Nightingale** (March, 2009)  
Member, East Vancouver Unit #68

**Vicki Travis** (December 20, 2008)  
Member, East Vancouver Unit #68

**Michael Harry Obacz** (May 17, 2009)  
Member, East Vancouver Unit #68

**Gerald Parrott** (November 12, 2008)  
Member, Sidney Unit #302

**Alfred E. (Jock) Deans** (November 29, 2008)  
Member, Sidney Unit #302

**Norm Taylor** (May, 2008)  
Member, Victoria Unit #12

**Hugh Northey** (June, 2008)  
Past President, Duke of Edinburgh Unit #201

**Margret Wonnacott** (July 19, 2008)  
Member, East Vancouver Unit #68  
Wife of Past Dominion Vice President, Bill Wonnacott

**Kenneth McCrea** (2009)  
Member, Lennoxville Unit #318

**CJ (Jerry) Simpson** (February 10, 2009)  
RCAF; Member, Sidney Unit #302

**Tom Campbell** (December 29, 2008)  
Past BC Command President, Award of Merit holder

**Thomas Joesbury** (December 23, 2008)  
WWII/Peacekeeping veteran of both British & Canadian Forces; Member, Sidney Unit #302

**Donald Fraser** (December 19, 2008)  
402 Reserve Squadron 1951-1953; Order for Service holder; Past President, Assiniboia Unit #283; loving husband of Provincial Secretary, Elsie Fraser

**Cedric Cormier** (December 22, 2008)  
Past President, Quebec Command Order for Service holder; Member, Lennoxville Unit #318

**Robert Angus (Knobby) Clarke**  
(December 24, 2008) Past President, ANAVETS Housing Society, Order for Service holder

**Gwynneth Lillian Henderson** (Dec., 2008)  
Honorary Associate Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**David G Young** (January, 2009)  
Royal Corps Signals 1962-1977  
Member. Assiniboia Unit #283

**Clifford Broughton** (December, 2008)  
Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Irving Malcolm Berry**  
Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**John Allen Riodan** (2009)  
RCAF 1941-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Robert Patrick Ward** (2008)  
Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Walter William Hlady** (2008)  
Honorary Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Bertie William Smith** (2009)  
RAF 1939-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Bernhard Cirotzki** (2008)  
Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Alex McKenzie** (2008)  
Armoured Car Unit 1944-1946;  
Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**John Schettler** (2008)  
RCAF 1941-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Sven Jensen** (2008)  
F/O RCAF 1942-1945; Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Audrey McLeod** (2008)  
Member, Assiniboia Unit #283

**Maurice Auray** (2009)  
Member, Lennoxville Unit #318

**Robert Smith** (2009)  
Member, Lennoxville Unit #318

## REPORT OF THE DOMINION FINANCE CHAIRMAN – MAY 2009



On February 25th to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009, I was in Ottawa for the 2008 review of the Dominion Financial Statement prepared by Raymond, Chabot, Grant, Thornton. Our financial standing as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2008 showed a small increase, but the total was forty thousand less than in 2007. This brings into focus the number one reason and that is our declining membership. Our total membership continues to decline cutting our income and eventually will lead to a loss.

All aspects of this problem were discussed by Secretary-Treasurer, Lorne McCartney, Administrative Assistant, Deanna Fimrite, President, Gordon Marsh and myself. All costs were examined and any possible cost decreases were implemented. An increase in membership dues was discussed as a way to stabilize income. In my view an increase in dues is only a bandaid solution. The best solution would be to reverse the membership decline. We need to put our

shoulders together and collectively find solutions to this pressing problem. I will report some of my ideas on membership at the Board Meeting in Stratford, Ontario in October.

Once again, my thanks to Deanna Fimrite and Lorne McCartney for all their valuable information and their continued help and support.

Have a safe and happy summer—George Beaulieu, Chair of Finance

## **Honorary Dominion President's Report**



Gerry speaking with the Minister of Veteran's Affairs Greg Thompson after receiving his commendation

On 2 June I attended a beautiful ceremony in the Senate Chambers on Parliament Hill honouring D-Day and Normandy Veterans. Moving speeches were made paying tribute to the sacrifices of young men and women during World War II and pledges were made that the sacrifices of veterans would never be forgotten. As I left the Parliament Buildings I was approached by some ladies who asked me if I had heard of "The Widows On the War Path" when I said that I had not they told me of their soldier husbands who had served in Camp Gagetown NB in the 60s and had died of the cancer they contracted as a result of the spraying of Agent Orange.

Those who died or were diagnosed sick on or after the 6 February 2006 as a result of the contamination they received are entitled to a \$20,000 compensation package. These ladies said that they were refused the compensation for the reason that their husbands had "died too early" because they died before the date the compensation became effective. This date, by the

way, was when the Conservative government returned to power and has no medical relevance. The Minister of Veterans Affairs has been quoted as saying the compensation package is fair and that this is the best that could be achieved under the circumstances. Many people have tried to have the government respond positively to the widows' demands but to date none has been successful.

They referred me to their website [www.widowsonwarpath.com](http://www.widowsonwarpath.com) where I read the heartbreaking stories of their husbands last days on earth. I do not understand the rational for denying the widows the compensation they deserve and as a member of ANAVETS I feel that our motto requiring that we stand "Shoulder to Shoulder" with our veterans and their families demands of me that I support the widows cause. If you agree with me, I urge you to read their stories, sign the petition on the website and pass this information to as many people as possible. By the way I have also sent letters to the Prime Minister, Minister Thompson and my member of parliament asking them to adjust the effective date of the Agent Orange compensation package in favour of theses widows.

Yours in Comradeship, Gerry Wharton.

# 49TH BIENNIAL DOMINION CONVENTION

The 49th Biennial Dominion Convention of the Association was held in Lethbridge Alberta from Sept 20-25 2008.

We would also like to thank all of the delegates that attended the Convention for their time and energy in providing the decisions that will guide our Association into the future.

There were many great memories made in Lethbridge this past fall and it would be hard to list all of them, but here is a highlight of activities and programs from the ANAVETS Convention:

- **Gordon Marsh** was elected Dominion President for the ensuing term. Congratulations!
- The following Comrades received the Associations' highest honour, the Award of Merit: Comrades **Edward Emerick** (Victoria Unit 12); **Kenneth Henderson** (Montreal East Unit 308); **Donald T. Mann** (Sidney Unit 302); **Reginald Baldwin** (Assiniboia Unit 283) and **Wayne Bourget** (Saskatoon Unit 38) Congrats to you all!
- **Comrade Robert Horkoff** was elected as the new Dominion Vice President (BC Command); and
- We were honoured to host the **National Commander of the American Legion, David K. Rehein** who was able to join us for a couple of days.



VIPs from left, Alberta President Lorry Landry, Deputy minister of Veterans Affairs Suzanne Tining, Gord's wife Marilyn, His Honour, the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Dominion President Gord Marsh, her honour Mrs. Mary Kwong and the Canadian Forces representative Capt Dawson.

The **Resolutions** and their disposition are on page 9

ANAVETS on Parade



## COMMAND & UNIT NEWS

### Stratford Unit 261 Mortgage Burning May 16

The members of Stratford Unit 261 happily celebrated the burning of their mortgage on their clubrooms. Pictured below (L to R) is Ed Roth, Sid Creek, Sandy Kelley, President Pat Tracey, Sandra Eedy and Doris McGuinty.



### George Jarvis Memorial Golf Tournament Raises 10K

In memory of the late George Jarvis, Provincial Vice President, MB & NW Ont. Command in conjunction with his employers Reimer Express The annual memorial golf tournament raised ten thousand dollars for the Children's Wish Foundation

## ANAVETS' New Christmas Card



This card is in full colour and can be seen on our web site. It looks fantastic and will increase recognition to those that we send it to. The envelope has our Dominion logo in black/white. The inside is available in French/English, or just English.

### ANAVETS Christmas card Orders:

As we have notified you in our last mailing, we are now producing an improved Christmas card in full colour both inside and out with our Logo on the envelope in black. These cards will be available in both English only, and English/French.

The Christmas cards are 4.25 inches by 5.5 inches (slightly smaller than the samples sent out), with full colour both inside and outside, and the envelopes with our Logo on the front (top Left). Prices are as follows:  
55 cents each if you order 200;  
65 cents each if you order 100; and  
75 cents each if you order 50.

These are great looking cards that will be remembered by those that receive them. Please note that all profits are going to support our Veterans.

Please send in your orders by 15 August to book your order

## Searching for a Comrade?

You will notice in the "Secretary-Treasurers Notes" that we now have an new location on our Web Site that will help you find a lost comrade. Check out: [www.anavets.ca](http://www.anavets.ca)

## The following 20 units increased their membership in 2008.

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

<b>Vernon Unit #5</b>	Vernon, BC
<b>East Vancouver Unit #68</b>	Vancouver, BC
<b>Penticton Unit #97</b>	Penticton, BC
P.C.M.R. Unit #276	Gambier Island, BC
Steveston Unit #284	Richmond, BC
<b>Ucluelet Unit #293</b>	Ucluelet, BC
Sidney Unit #302	Sidney, BC
Pompier Unit #314	Vancouver, BC
<b>Matsqui Unit #315</b>	Mount Lehman, BC
Lethbridge Unit #34	Lethbridge, AB
Strathcona Unit #99	Sherwood Park, AB
Brandon Unit #10	Brandon, MB & NW Ont.
Fort William, Unit #257	Thunder Bay, MB & NW Ont.
<b>Assiniboia Unit #283</b>	Winnipeg, MB & NW Ont.
Coronation Unit #259	Toronto, ON
<b>Stratford Unit #261</b>	Stratford, ON
York # 383	Toronto, ON
Orillia, Unit #400	Orillia, ON
Glance Bay Unit #246	Glance Bay, NS
<b>Bras D'Or, Unit #381</b>	Bras D'Or, NS

Units in **Bold** were on last years list as well. **DOUBLE CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU!**

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.

Mark your calendars: the **ANAVETS 2010 Convention** dates in **Stratford Ontario** are Sunday 3 Oct, to 6 October 2010.

The New Veteran's Charter Advisory Group will be releasing its findings shortly. This is an excellent report that you will find most interesting.

Our thanks to **Ken Henderson** who is our representative working with this group. Thanks Ken, for the great work that this report represents.

## ANAVETS CADET MEDAL OF MERIT 2008 RECIPIENTS

<u>Cadet Names</u>	<u>Cadet Corps/Squadron</u>
Zackery Wilfong	2672 RCACC
Mark Hecnar	1112 RCACC
Brandon Garnett	1884 RCACC
Stephen Wolfe	2444 RCACC
Dylan Samson	2937 RCACC
Aaron Weicker	180 RCACC
Kaylin Dean	2841 RCACC
Raya Parsons	2928 RCACC
Cynthia Boota	2977 RCACC
Delroy Hiebert	199 RCACS
Phillip Wahl	903 RCACS
Tucker Densmore	
Jonathan Braz	
Giovan Arzoz	744 RCACS
John Martin	905 RCACS
Ashley McGrath	3 RCSCC
Anastasia Burtnick	49 RCSCC
Samantha Cobean	305 RCSCC
Donald Shaw	166 RCSCC
Anthony Everitt	744 RCACS
Afraj Gill	819 RCACS
Allyssa Haigh	136 RCSCC
John MacKenzie	292 RCSCC
Sheldon Mellis	244 RCSCC
Ailsinn Rooney	27 RCSCC
Joseph Martin	5 RCSCC
Dana Tomlinson	347 RCSCC
Graham Mansell	226 RCSCC
Benjamin Fung	748 RCACC
Timothy Chadwick	2958 RCACC
Nicole Breakey	88 RCACC
Emilie De Monte	283 RCACS
Brody Traynor	9 RCACC
Alexander Klausnitzer	822 RCACS
Christopher Broveld	2812 RCACC
Raphael Mlynarski	395 RCACS
Dean Stoesz	903 RCACS
Christine Yang	6 RCSCC
Marc-Oliver Ricard	240 RCSCC
Guillaume Grand-Maison	170 RCSCC
Catherine Pelletier	274 RCSCC
Brian Eustache	17 RCSCC
Dominic Ka Chun Leung	759 RCSCC
Alicia Brown-Tunney	53 RCSCC
Ryan Kennedy	49 RCSCC
Daylan Banks	3068 RCACC
Jesse Wilson	2995 RCACC
Nicole Amonson	390 RCACC
Anton Humeniuk	2290 RCACC
JKyle Powell	2893 RCACC
Maxime D. Charron	CC 2728
Asa Shulman	CC 2793
David Jean	CC 2869

Marie-France Hupe	CC 2898
Simon Turcotte-Plamondon	CC 2644
Emily Hodgson	CC 690
Andy Bissonnette	ESC 881
Mathieu Groulx	ESC 921
Maël Thyberghien	ESC 729
Simon Jolicoeur	ESC 775
Catherine Rioux	150 RCSCC
Benjamin Thomas George	819 RCASC
Derek Messner-Henning	325 RCACS

RCSCC= Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps  
RCACC= Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps  
RCACS= Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

Congratulations to both Cadets Maël Thyberghien and Dean Stoesz who both received the ANAVETS Cadet Medal of Merit for the **SECOND** time in 2008. Their excellence as Cadets should be especially noted.

Dominion Vice President, Ron Smith presenting the Cadet Medal of Merit to Cadet Raphael Mlynarski at RGS Prairie. Cadet Mlynarski was chosen as the best cadet in his Glider Pilot Scholarship Program



Comrade Glenn McLean of Woodstock Unit #95 presents the ANAVETS Cadet Medal of Merit to Cdt. Stephen Wolfe of 2444 RCACC for CLI Drill & Ceremonial. (left) and to Cdt. Dylan Samson for being chosen as the best cadet in the CLI Rifle Coach course at CSTC Argonaut. (right)



Comrade Don Mann presents Cadet Medals to (left) Sgt. A Gill for the Glider Pilot scholarship and WO1 A. Everitt for the Power Pilot scholarship. (right)



<b>A</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>PART – 1 GENERAL RESOLUTIONS</b>	<b>CARRIED/ Not- CARRIED</b>
4	Dom Comd	Financial Fairness for Vets	carried
5	Dom Comd	Reinstatement VIP Allied Vets	carried
6	Dom Comd	Pension Spouse on death of Vet- Amd- delete “in all fairness”	carried as amd
7	Dom Comd	Earnings loss should reflect progres- sion of earnings Amd-delete “to be fair”	carried as amd
8	Dom Comd	VIP Benefits for Veterans in Need	carried
9	Dom Comd	Spousal VIP Benefits	carried
10	Dom Comd	VIP Portability of benefits	carried
11	Dom Comd	CFSA Survivor Pension 70% Amd- delete “a fair”	carried as amd
12	Unit 201 Duke	Amend Application for Membership form.	not carried
13	Unit 201 Duke	Life Membership Long Serving Members	not carried
14	Citadel Unit 373	Clasp for Appreciation Medal	not carried
15	Citadel Unit 373	Maintain 1 VP per Region	not carried
<b>B</b>		<b>PART – 2 CONSITUTION RESOLUTIONS</b>	<b>Carried/ not carried</b>
16	Board	Check Signing Auth Admin Assistant	carried
17	Board	Dates for Dominion Conventions	carried
18	Board	Locations for Dominion Convention	carried
19	BC Comd	Reduction of dominion officers by combining smaller commands; and Recommended changes if this resolu- tion is adopted	not carried
20	Ont Comd	Reduction Exec Offrs, and elections	not carried
21	BC S Vanc Unit 26	Award of Merit Holders attend at Convention	not carried
22	Ont Comd	Dual Membership, LA joining Unit	carried
23	Sask Comd	Prov Command Conventions every 4 Years. Amd-2 or 4 yrs with election every 2 years	Carried as amd
24	Board	Adopt Revised Rituals Manual	carried
S	Board Supp	Responsibility of Legal costs	not carried
<b>C</b>		<b>PART – 3 FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS</b>	
25	Board	Cost of Life Membership	carried
26	Board	Disposition Assets Sale of Unit Amd- distribution of proceeds added.	carried as amd

## Sea Cadet Education Foundation Launched

The Navy League of Canada recently established the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Education Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to provide a number of \$1,000 scholarships for sea cadets who are entering Degree or Diploma programs at recognized universities or colleges. In 2008, it's first year of operation, the Foundation awarded ten scholarships to deserving candidates who had applied through their individual corps. This exciting program is carried out in partnership with the Royal Canadian Naval Benevolent fund which has also been awarding \$1000 scholarships to sea cadets for over a decade and will continue to do so, using similar award criteria to that established by the Foundation.

Royal Canadian Sea Cadets are young men and women who have chosen to join a national training organization that offers them adventure, discipline and leadership opportunities in a naval environment. They are familiarized with naval routines in various settings ashore and afloat, learn how to become good Canadian citizens and how to maintain their physical fitness. They also embrace and maintain the strong naval traditions that have been built over many years.

Many Canadians are familiar with the Sea Cadet program and appreciate that the Navy League partners with the Department of National Defence in sponsoring the training program.

In the past, the Department of National Defence sponsored the Cadet Scholarship program and awarded scholarships annually to cadets from the Army, Air and Sea Cadet organizations. In 2007, the Director of Cadets for DND re-allocated the funds to cadet training operations.

The Navy League of Canada decided to continue granting scholarships to sea cadets. To accomplish this and to protect the funds that they had set aside for scholarships, an arms length charitable foundation was incorporated with its own board of directors and an initial \$300,000 capitalization. The Foundation is now expected to continue the scholarship program, relying on investments and donations to at least maintain, and hopefully increase the number of awards annually. To do so, however, will require continuous fund-raising to ensure this goal can be achieved. Additional information on the Foundation, including Board Membership, 2008 Scholarship Recipients, Application Form, and Donation Processes can be accessed on the Foundation's web site:

[www.canadianseacadetscholarships.ca](http://www.canadianseacadetscholarships.ca).

# Secretary-Treasurer's Notes

**Background:** From time to time issues come up that should be passed along to our members to bring you up-to-date on some of the things that are happening at Command, as well as insights that would improve how we do things, thereby saving time for everyone.

**Correspondence:** From time to time we receive information whether it is in written form or left on our phone answering machine that do not provide your name and phone number whereby we can get a hold of you for questions. Also, if you do give your name and phone number, please give it out at a pace to enable us to copy it.

If you are ordering from Regalia Stores, **please send in your order as a fax or email**, and provide the total information including the stock number. Also, in your subject heading please put your Unit number to help in locating your request. Please do not order by phone or leave a voice message, thank you.

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

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

## Veterans Affairs Canada

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

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

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

- Secondly there is the **Community engagement Partnership Fund** which provides many thousands of dollars, (I saw one for \$15,000) to support local initiatives that encourage remembrance in your community. Check out the site, you won't be disappointed!

**Regalia items:** We still have a few '**Support our Troops' magnetic magnets in stores**, and would make wonderful fridge magnets, placed on your filing cabinet, or for use on vehicles for special occasions. They still have the same fading problem as before (if used outdoors for an extended period), but if used as suggested, they will last a long time. They really are quite beautiful and distinctive, while at the same time advertising the good work done by ANAVETS.

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

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

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VETERANS IN CANADA (ANAVETS)  
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CANADA'S SENIOR VETERANS ASSN.  
[www.anavets.ca](http://www.anavets.ca)

## ANAVETS Day:

We are still searching for an applicable day to celebrate as "ANAVETS day" across Canada. Penticton has recently celebrated "ANAVETS Day: on the **Saturday before Vimy Day and was quite a success.**

A second possible date could centre on Queen Victoria. **Our First Charter was given out by Queen Victoria** to our first Unit in Montreal in 1840. Perhaps the Long Queen Victoria weekend, or the weekend before could be considered as a possibility. By explaining why we chose this weekend, it would lead into explaining that we are **Canada's Senior Veteran's organization.** We would have a BBQ and invite the public to join us and celebrate with us. We may even be able to get new members...

Please let us know how your "ANAVETS' Day" works.

**SPREAD THE WORD:** To save on postage, we only send one copy of our newsletter to each unit. The intent is that Units would make copies, and have them available for their members, or encourage them to go to our web site and view it on line at: [www.anavets.ca](http://www.anavets.ca).

It is very important that your members understand the roll that we play in support of our Veterans, and why this is so important for this great country of Canada. This reinforces the reason that people join ANAVETS, and hopefully they tell their friends about what we do for our Veterans, their families, communities, and youth, and hopefully they will join as well.

Mark your calendars: the **ANAVETS 2010 Convention** dates in **Stratford Ontario** are Sunday 3 Oct, to 6 October 2010.

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## **ANAVICUS NEWS**



Lorraine Mihalchuk, Dan Ludwig VP ANAVICUS, and Past National Commander of the American Legion, Jake Comer, President of ANAVICUS and Past National Commander of the American Legion, and our Dominion President Gord Marsh.

*Comrades,  
 When our late Dominion President became stricken while at the American Legion National Convention in Reno, our American Comrades did a tremendous service by looking after Lorraine Mihalchuk, and John. Following is our Resolution presented to them at our 2008 Convention.*

**WHEREAS** our late Dominion President, John Thompson, accompanied by his companion Lorraine Mihalchuk, while representing The Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Association at the American Legion's 89th Convention in Reno Nevada USA in August 2007, was stricken with a life-threatening ailment and was admitted to hospital; and

**WHEREAS** Comrade John was too ill to be repatriated back to his home in Canada, remained in hospital in Reno until December 2007 when he was medical evacuated by air to Canada where he sadly expired a short time later; and

**WHEREAS** Comrades John and Lorraine were forced to remain in Reno for over two months and away from home, family and friends; and

**WHEREAS** the American Legion provided continuing tangible support, assistance and companionship to both Comrades Lorraine and John throughout this most difficult period; and

**WHEREAS** this support to the stricken couple exceeded beyond any expectation that what would be considered to be reasonable; the members of ANAVETS wish to express their thanks for this extraordinary act of kindness.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this 49th Dominion Convention of The Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Association extend warm and sincere greetings to their comrades in the American Legion and express their thanks and appreciation for the care, concern and support that they afforded our late Dominion President and his companion in the fall of 2007.

*Presented at the 49th Biennial Dominion Convention of  
 The Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada  
 September 21, 2008. Lethbridge, Alberta*



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