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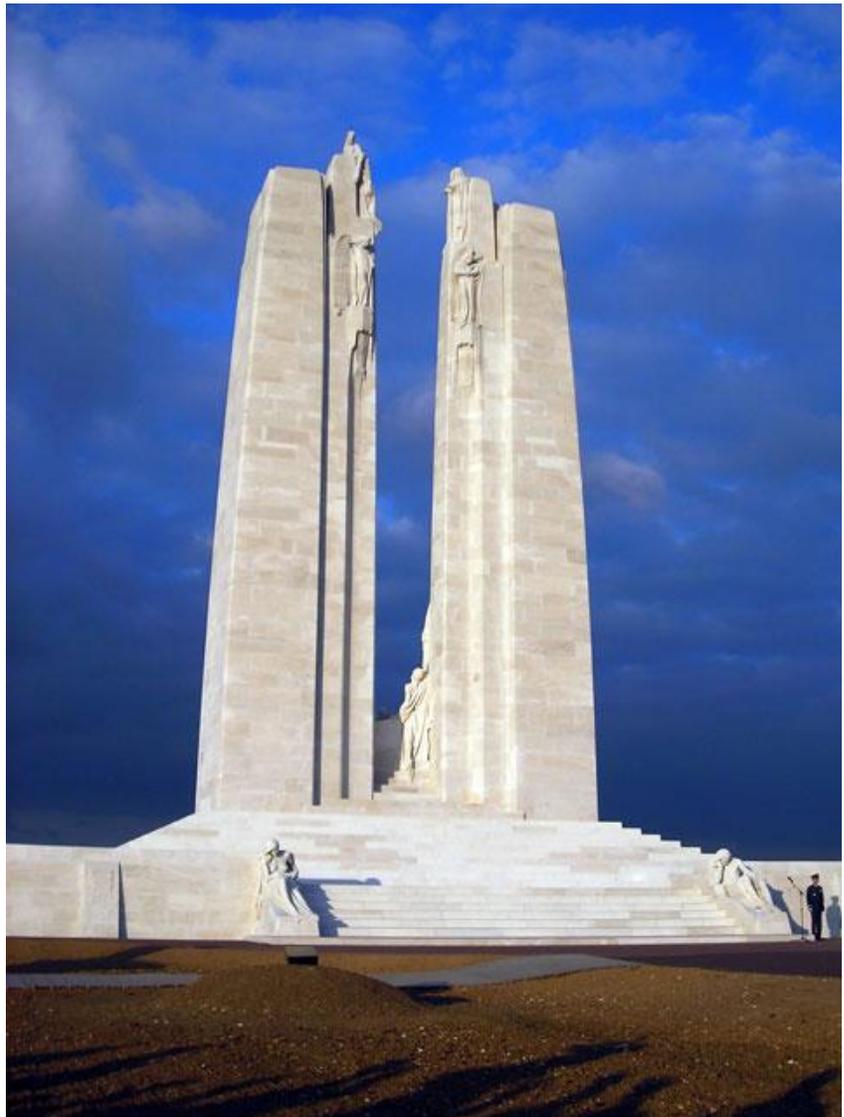
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President Report

Greetings to all,

February is rapidly coming to an end. I hope you all are enjoying the weird weather and what I feel has been the easiest winter (so far) that I have ever experienced.

At this point in our Legion year (01 Jun – 31 May) our fiscal situation is the best it has been in the 3 years of my time as President. This is thanks to all the volunteers and staff who have worked to make this happen. We are not out of the hole yet and even though things are better we need to continue to work on raising attendance at our functions, increasing our membership, improving the ways we do things at the Branch and coming up with ideas to interest members / customers. It is a never ending job but this Branch needs everyone's support in order to stay alive and continue to serve our veterans, remembrance and our community. So consider dropping in for a game of pool or darts, socializing with friends and newcomers as your involvement does make a difference. And so do your ideas.

Coming up in the next while are the local Legion conventions. Like our general meetings, these conventions are the forum where we find out how things are going, what is coming up and proposing changes that could affect what and how we do things from the Branch level right up to the Dominion level. The Zone G-5 convention will be held on Sunday 20 March in Barrhaven and the District G Convention will be held on Sun 17 April at Orleans Branch. We are hoping to have a full slate of Delegates for both. If there are more people interested in attending than we slots for Delegates these people can attend as Observers. It is useful to know how things work if you want to affect change.

At the General Meeting in March nominations will be opened for our next Executive. I am confirming with this report that I will not be running again for President. This is my 3rd year in this position and I feel it is time to shuffle the deck. Other people have other ideas on what this place can do and where it can and should go and it is good to get some fresh thoughts in these areas. If you are thinking of running for a position (President, Vice-President, Executive Member) consider why you are running and what you can bring to the Branch. Before you cast your ballot in April consider what the candidates have done for the Branch and ask them directly what they are thinking of doing. Your decision / vote is important. Please make it count.

Doug Cody,

President

Vimy Ridge

The Battle of Vimy Ridge was a military engagement fought primarily as part of the Battle of Arras in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais region of France, during the First World War. The main combatants were the Canadian Corps, of four divisions, against three divisions of the German Sixth Army. The battle which took place from 9 to 12 April 1917 was part of the opening phase of the British-led Battle of Arras, a diversionary attack for the French Nivelle Offensive.



The objective of the Canadian Corps was to take control of the German-held high ground along an escarpment at the northernmost end of the Arras Offensive. This would ensure that the southern flank could advance without suffering German enfilade fire. Supported by a creeping barrage, the Canadian Corps captured most of the ridge during the first day of the attack. The town of Thelus fell during the second day of the attack, as did the crest of the ridge once the Canadian Corps overcame a salient of considerable German resistance. The final objective, a fortified knoll located outside the town of Givenchy-en-Gohelle, fell to the Canadian Corps on 12 April. The German forces then retreated to the Oppy-Mericourt line.

Historians attribute the success of the Canadian Corps in capturing the ridge to a mixture of technical and tactical innovation, meticulous planning, powerful artillery support and extensive training, as well as the failure of the German Sixth Army to properly apply the new German defensive doctrine. The battle was the first occasion when all four divisions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force participated in a battle together and thus became a Canadian nationalistic symbol of achievement and sacrifice. A 100 hectare portion of the former battleground serves as a preserved memorial park and site of the Canadian National Vimy Memorial

(above from Wikipedia)

Facts:

- assault began at 5:30 a.m. on April 09, 1917 – Easter Monday
- 4 Victoria Crosses were awarded
- 3,598 dead out of 10,602 casualties

Help Recover Our Vimy Heroes Project

After the war, exhumation squads exhumed thousands of isolated graves, bringing them into permanent war graves cemeteries. A temporary gravesite (CA40) of the Vimy Ridge battle was designated to be moved to Nine Elms cemetery but there is no record of it happening. Military historian Norm Christie believes the bodies of CA40 remain where they were originally buried in 1917. To give these soldiers a proper burial Mr. Christie is organizing a project to evaluate the battlefield using GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) to pinpoint CA40. To complete this process \$110,000 is being raised that will cover an engineering team and equipment, documenting the process, compensating local farmers and related costs.

A video outlining this project, "Help Recover Our Vimy Heroes", can be seen on the internet at www.fundrazr.com/campaigns/4zeCb

The Westboro Legion is in process of organizing a table at Carlingwood Shopping Centre during March and April to help raise awareness and funds for this project.

If you would like to donate directly yourself you can do so in the following ways:

1. Online by credit card or through PayPal at Help Recover Our Vimy Heroes on FundRazr,
or
2. By cheque made out to Recover Our Vimy Heroes, 54 Timberline Private, Ottawa, ON, K2G 6W9.

There are benefits to direct donations which are:

1. \$100 donation – a book from CEF Books
2. \$150 donation – a Recover Our Vimy Heroes t-shirt
3. \$250 donation – a documentary in DVD format by Norm Christie
4. \$400 donation – a boxed set of King and Empire or King and Country

Westboro Legion is proud to assist with this historical project.



Korean “Ambassador for Peace Medal

For those members of the Canadian Armed Forces that served during the Korean War (25 June 1950 – 27 Jul 1953) or who participated in UN peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955 the Korean government is presenting the Ambassador for Peace Medal as an expression of their appreciation for services rendered.

If you or a person you know is eligible to receive this award it is necessary to fill out the application form (<http://can-ottawa.mofa.go.kr/english/am/can-ottawa/main/index.jsp6>) and include a copy of the veteran’s Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty.

Send the completed form to the Defence Attache Office, Embassy of the Republic of Korea located at 150 Boteler Street, Ottawa, ON, K1N 5A6.

Note: This award may be awarded posthumously.



MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK

Volume II of Ontario Command’s Military Service Recognition Book has been distributed to schools and senior residences in Westboro’s poppy territory. The name of one of our Branch members – Donald Bartlett – made it into the publication. We expect that several of the names submitted last spring will be found in Volume III which will be published in the fall of 2016.

To keep the ball rolling we ask that people continue to submit stories (and a picture) of themselves, a family member or friend who is connected with the province of Ontario. We want to see submissions for current serving members and those who served as far back as the Boer War. A Veteran is a person who is honourably serving or has served their Country whether in time of peace or war, whether Regular or Reserve. Also for inclusion are Regular members of the R.C.M.P., Peace Officers or Firefighters who have served with the Canadian Forces in a Special Duty Area or on a Special Duty Operation. All deserve to be recognized.

The application form and information on the project can be found on the Westboro Legion website.

If you have a submission please send to attention of Doug Cody c/o Westboro Legion #480.

If you have any questions contact Doug Cody at 722-8859 or dougcody@hotmail.com.

I was a soldier once...

I liked the idea that as the commercial said; we did more by 0700 than most people did all day. I loved as range safety officer getting shots down range by 0800. I loved the brutality of route marches because they set us apart from my civilian friends, as most of them could never have hacked the pace. I liked standing in a United Nations observation post just before dawn in a far away land, realizing that I and other soldiers in my unit were doing something very special by representing Canada and the Canadian people, undergoing physical and mental strains that many could not or would not face to keep our country safe and ready. I loved climbing up cargo nets in full battle order and repelling down cliffs. I loved running the assault course. I liked the early morning runs and the late night polishing before a parade.

I liked the smell of the quartermaster stores, an odd mixture of gun oil, canvas preservative, leather, hemp rope and cigarette smoke. I liked the racks of rifles and sub machine guns and I loved the gun sheds and tank hangers where the vehicles and weapons of war gleamed dully and exuded strength and capability and the power to "git 'er done" if need be. I loved the name of the equipment when I started off, Sherman, Fabrique Nationale, Sten and Bren because they spoke to me of the proud days when our Fathers used them successfully in WW2. Our #36 Grenade was the same as our grandfathers used in WW1 for God's sake! I also loved when the 105 mm and the M 109 gave way to the M 777 and the guns could shoot accurately over 30 kilometres. I loved it when the old lady "the duce and a half" was finally replaced by the modern MLVW. The Centurion tank gave way to the Leopard and within weeks our tankers showed NATO they were the best.

I liked our soldiers, from all parts of the land, from cities of Upper Canada, small towns of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. They came from the mountains and from the prairies from all walks of life. I trusted and depended on them as they trusted and depended on me for professional competence, for comradeship, for strength and courage. In a word we were "soldiers", then, and forever. I liked the surge in my heart when word was passed that a unit was deploying, and I loved the infectious thrill of riding homeward in convoy waving at the cars we passed and at pedestrians who I was sure looked at us with envy as we rolled through their villages on our way back to Base. I loved waving from the back of a truck at the kids in cars that would trail us for a while before finally passing.

The work was hard and dangerous; the going rough at times; and the parting from family painful, but the companionship of robust army laughter, the "all for one and one for all" philosophy of the military was ever present. I once enjoyed the best 2 hours sleep in my life laying on the ground at a rest halt while doing a patrol. The weather was overcast but warm and a slight drizzle did not deter my snoring, which could be heard 4 men down the line. Another 4 or 5 hours would have been nice, but there was work to be done.

I liked the fierce and dangerous activity of the Infantry Rifle Coy as we began an advance to contact. I liked doing the recce for a harbour where I had to hide up to 40 pieces of wheeled and tracked equipment from the enemy. I hated having to run ahead of our vehicles in

complete darkness and trying to be quiet as the drivers and co-drivers tried to back vehicles and trailers into a black hole as quickly as possible so others in line could pass and find me and also be properly positioned and put away. One could hear cursing and unmeant bitching as crews stumbled in the dark to erect cam nets and digging in for protection from an enemy attack, we cut and poked branches holding up the nets to break the vehicle outline so as not to be recognised. The lucky ones had a relatively small vehicle, others, a two and a half or a 5 ton to cover that even in day light would take an hour or more. At night it was dangerous, demanding and extremely hard work. In the rain or freezing snow this necessary chore was brutal.

Watching my fellow soldiers as they took down the cam nets, loaded fuel, ammunition and rations for yet another long day, feeling truly exhausted and knowing it was going to get a lot worse before it got better, actually added value to the experience. We were soldiers and this is what it was like.

I loved the name and the history of my Regiments;

“The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada ”

“The Royal Canadian Regiment”

“The Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers”

“The Royal Canadian Engineers”

“The Royal 22^{ème} Régiment”.

I loved the parades, the colours on parade and the guidon presentation, the march past, the roll past, the advance in review order and the sound of my hand slapping the stock of my rifle during the Present Arms. I could feel the National Anthem inside me while the band played it. Some liked “The Queen” or “O Canada”. I loved “The Maple Leaf Forever”.

I loved walking through our position in complete darkness checking the welfare of my men and NCO's and ensuring them that they were not alone, as we stood in our trench at first light, on stand to. I liked the weight of my steel helmet on my head and the embrace of my webbing. It made you feel like superman though in your heart you surely knew you were not. I loved the weight of my rifle or pistol and knowing I could out shoot a lot of my men. It was an ongoing competition during range practice to outdo your friends as well as your superiors. There was pride in self and country; and growing mastery of the soldier's trade. An adolescent could find adulthood. A man could find fulfilment and an old man finds great joy. I will never forget that I was once a soldier. There is no higher calling. I would do it again in a heartbeat. I liked the traditions of the Army and those who made them.

I was a soldier once

Author unknown

Branch 480 Membership updates

Branch legion dues renewals are steaming along nicely, thanks to all of you who have been diligent to renew in a timely fashion. As of the print deadline, we have 315 members that are in good standing and approximately 85 who are dues lapsed 1 to 2 years. That is excellent, and does not include, of course, comrades whom we have lost due to transfers and deaths. This year marks the first time that the branch has had over 300 members in good standing this early in the year. Congratulations to you, my fellow comrades, well done.

A gentle reminder about our upcoming general meetings. Mark the following dates on your calendar. March 15th (7:30pm) as well as April 19th (7:30 pm). The March meeting is primarily a nomination meeting to identify potential candidates for our next year's legion executive. The meeting in April are the actual branch elections.

Branch elections are serious business, not only are you picking the most qualified to stand for election, it is also your opportunity to have a say in who will actually be running your branch during the upcoming year. That is how a democracy should work. It is interesting to note that out of our branch membership of almost 400 members we routinely have less than 50 people interested enough to attend general meetings. Shame on you. It is hard to complain about a process if when given the opportunity, you don't make an attempt to participate. Please take that time to participate, ask questions, nominate good quality people to lead and serve on your branch executive and please take the time to come out and vote. Your opinion and your vote are important. Come early and get a good seat close to the action.

A gentle reminder on attendance at our general meetings and voting. You must be a member in good standing, which means that your 2016 dues must be paid. You will need to show your 2016 card or paid up receipt at the door to our Sergeant at Arms to prove that you are in good standing.

It is still not too late to pay your 2016 dues in order to be eligible to stand for office or to vote.

Phil Whitehead,

Membership Chair
membership480@gmail.com

Update on Membership Processing from Dominion Command

As part of the resolutions from the 2014 Dominion Convention, it was passed that Dominion Command would research and develop a computer-based membership processing system. This work has begun in earnest and we are writing to ensure you are all fully aware that this new system will be made available for your branches in 2016, at no cost to your Command or branch.

The new system will be easily accessible to every branch across the country and will offer the complete array of membership processing services required to sign up new members, renew existing members, allow members to manage their own membership account and fully engage with Dominion Command for all membership transactions. We will go through a rigorous discovery, development, testing, and review process before launching the system so that you can be assured it is fully functional for your branch. Our design requirements are that it be easy to use, provide valuable information for your branch, and make the job of managing memberships easier – volunteer memberships chairs will love it! And again, this will be available for your branch at no cost.

We are aware of third party vendors who have created programs to assist with managing membership within branches, and of course you are free to buy these if you wish. We just want to assure you work is underway to create a system by the Legion specifically for all Legion branches. The target date for roll out of the new system across the Legion is June 2016 and we will keep you updated on our progress.

ENTERTAINMENT

| March | | APRIL | |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5 th | Country Mile | 2 nd | Flyn Ward |
| 12 th | Nostalgia | 9 th | The Classics |
| 17 th | Irish Connection (St. Patrick's Day) | 16 th | Doug and Pam Champagne Trio |
| 19 th | Gord Barnes & Laredo | 23 rd | Nostalgia |
| 26 th | Lorne Daley | 30 th | Snap, Krakle and Pop |

ZEN TEACHINGS ...careful, there's a bit of truth here, disguised as humour!

1. Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me for the path is narrow. In fact, just leave me alone.
2. Sex is like air, it's not that important unless you aren't getting any.
3. No one is listening until you pass gas.
4. Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else.
5. Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
6. If you think nobody cares whether you're alive or dead, try missing a couple of payments.
7. Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
8. If at first you didn't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
9. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
10. If you lend someone 20 bucks and never see that person again, it was probably well worth it.
11. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
12. Some days you are the dog, some days you are the tree.
13. Don't worry; it only seems kinky the first time.
14. Good judgment comes from bad experience.... And most of that comes from bad judgment.
15. There are two excellent theories for arguing with women. Neither one of them works.
16. When you are dead, you don't know that you are dead. It's difficult only for others. It is the same when you are stupid.

What does your Service Officer Do?

The Service Officer is the person in the Branch who deals with Veterans and families of veterans to assist them in getting the proper benefits they are entitled to from VAC. They also answer various other concerns and questions.

A veteran is a person who has served or is serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, or RCMP. They do NOT have to be a Legion member. People who have served with Allied forces might also be eligible for assistance depending on the situation.

How can I get into the Rideau Perley? Is there any help with funeral expenses? Am I entitled to VAC benefits? My spouse has passed away can I receive their benefits? Is there financial assistance available? These are just some of the questions that a Service Officer gets each

month. If the Service Officer does not have the answer at that time they will do some further research and get back to the person with the answer to the question.

In some cases the Poppy fund can be used to provide assistance with special equipment or bills. In other situations other benevolent funds are available to assist. For instance a veteran who served in the Navy might be able to access the Navy Benevolent fund. A veteran who is homeless or about to be homeless might be assisted from the Operation Leave the Street Behind program.

In some cases the Service Officer will assist in the completion of the various forms that need to be filled out when a claim is filed. Remember No job is finished until the paper work is done.

You can reach the Service Officer by contacting them directly or contacting the Branch either in person or by phone (613-725-2778). The branch will pass on the message and the Service Officer will get back to you to set up a time and place to meet.

If you have a question or know of someone else that has a question please let us know so we can try to assist. Just a reminder that there are no silly questions only answers that you have not yet heard.

Comrade Brent Craig,

Branch Service Officer

613-851-9296 Evenings

613-539-8211 X 8202 (Work)

The True Story of Leprechauns

by Dathan O'Paterno

Leprechauns. You don't hear too much about them except now, in the middle of March, when the Chicago River turns green, parades fill the TVs, Shamrock Shakes make their yearly appearance, and moms boil up the usual dose of corned beef and cabbage. It seems everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

But what do we really know about Leprechauns? Are they real or just a figment of some Irish storyteller's drunken imagination? Where did they come from? What do they do? What are they like? Where (if anywhere) is their famed pot of gold? Do they all have beards? Are there any girl Leprechauns?

Here is the untold story.

Leprechauns are not exactly smaller versions of us. They are not human, although they have several human characteristics. As everyone knows, they live in Ireland. But they weren't originally from there. Many generations ago, they lived close to the lands where Elves, Dwarfs, and Hobbits all resided. All three peoples intermingled quite peacefully; they traded, partied together, and even created alliances in order to fight off wolves and other dangerous predators.



Some of these alliances inevitably resulted in intermarriage; although these episodes were embarrassing and kept hush-hush, they were frequent enough that over a span of several generations, most people accepted them. Naturally (although surprisingly to all three races), these intermarriages resulted in the sprouting of a new race that we today call leprechauns.

While early leprechauns were exceptionally friendly, they tended to live on their own, seeming to have little craving for the company of others. They were excellent artisans; although they possessed little culinary skill, they were quite adept at creating music and dance. They seemed to be very light-hearted folk, revealing few cares or worries.

However, they did have a clearly defined moral sense. For example, they were committed to helping the poor—they were inclined toward living as a pre-dated Robin Hood clan. Furthermore, they were highly skilled at craftworking, especially at items that aided and abetted deception.

Because all the various races knew their skill and friendliness, a large group of young leppies (as they were known to other folk) were invited by none other than Santa Claus to work in his workshop. And so a good portion of the Leprechaun tribe emigrated to the North Pole. For generations, the leppies and Elves coexisted peacefully in Santa's working crew, with the more technically savvy leppies forging and building what the creative and inspired Elves dreamed of. Every year, they piggy-backed on each other's Christmas spirit with buoyant joy and playfulness.

But alas, there were a few leppies whose actions were a bit too playful. Whether it was their natural tendency toward troublemaking or the harsh cold of the arctic winters, some could not

help themselves. No one knows their true names—these were lost in the only book that survived until a later chapter in their history—but we do know what they did.

One Christmas season, when the weather had already become wretchedly frigid, a small detachment of leppies played a practical joke on the elvish chief, Bontilith. One night, after all the elves were soundly asleep, these particularly naughty leppies despoiled their elf cousins of all of the years' toys that had been stored. They hid them away in their own private cave storage in Doringray. After securing the store of toys, they returned back to their barracks, laughing late into the night.

When they awoke, they crept into the shop, where they found the elves dumbstruck and severely forlorn. The leppies couldn't contain their laughter. However, no amount of private mirth could lessen the elves' dismay. When one of them determined to report directly to Santa Claus that this Christmas would be ruined, the leppies were forced to admit to Bontilith what had happened. Although elves are generally not prone to anger or resentment, he was none too happy.

Moments after the confession, a report over the loudspeaker blasted "Here this: a terrible storm has resulted in an avalanche at Doringray Residence Cave. The cave has collapsed." The leppies were without words—a phenomenon quite unusual for them. When the wreckage was discovered, every single toy the leppies had hidden had been destroyed. Santa himself was devastated; he simply could not get enough toys made and delivered by Christmas.

Thankfully, the leppies fessed up and took full responsibility. Santa was, perhaps surprisingly, less than merciful. He banished them from the North Pole forever. From here, the leppies traveled from North Pole to Greenland, then from Greenland to Iceland. But no one wanted to harbor these strange folk. Eventually, they made their way to the island of Ireland.

They took up residence in the Northern parts and wooded sections in the south of the island. For many years, they did very little but show their remorse with tears and drowning in the local bottle. But after a while they banded together again and dedicated their lives and their children's lives to righting the wrong they had committed. From now on, they decided, they would steal things only for a purpose—to give them to the poor.

And after many meetings, councils, and summits—some conducted while sober, some not so sober— they devised a scheme. They made up a very clever (albeit ridiculous) story about a rainbow that had a pot of gold at the end of it. The ruse was that they would tell this story to

whoever would listen—well, to anyone who was rich and would listen. To these unfortunate wealthy folk, they promised to escort them to the renowned rainbow, where they could partake of the pot of gold and become wealthier than they had ever imagined.

But, like any gimmick, the leppies insisted on needed some gold up front as “prepayment” for their services. And so they eagerly accepted gold, toys, and other goodies from their unsuspecting victims.

The leppies combined all of their spoils, consistent with their nature. Soon enough, they were richer than all the world’s kings and princes put together.

Of course, they never quite led anyone to the rainbow or the pot of gold.

So if you ever meet a leppie, do not be deceived by his friendly nature or promises. He (or she) is only trying to get your goodies. Even though they would more than likely go to someone who needs them more than you! Simply buy the leppie a beer and remember that the only pot of gold at the end of a rainbow is in fairy tales.

The End



We welcome your articles and will be more than happy to insert them in future issues. Thanks to those who have submitted in the past.

Jacqueline Bolton,

Bugler Editor

“Happy St.Patrick’s Day” and a “Happy Easter” to all

Royal Canadian Legion-Westboro
389-391 Richmond Road
Ottawa ON
K2A 0E7

Dear members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Westboro branch,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Christmas Exchange program! We are so delighted to announce that in our 100th year, we were able to help all 16,012 individuals who requested assistance through our Christmas Exchange program! This would not have been possible without the generosity of donors like the Royal Canadian Legion. In addition, through our unique coordination service, we were able to find \$268,800 worth of duplicate applications, thus enabling us to help additional people in need.

I would like to share with you a letter of thanks that we received from one of our recipients this year to show you how much your support means:

"I just wanted to thank you for your kind and generous contribution to our Christmas. It's very difficult for me, a single mum of five, to provide my kids with what they need - so I appreciate all the help I can get. We are particularly grateful this year because after becoming homeless for a number of months we were given a home through Ottawa housing. Now we get to celebrate our first Christmas in our new home and with help from the Caring and Sharing Exchange - it will be wonderful, I can't thank you enough..."

Once again, thank you for your generous contribution.

With sincere gratitude,



Cindy Smith

Executive Director

10th Trivia Challenge for Charity tournament

Our branch's 10th Trivia Challenge for Charity tournament on Feb. 26 was a success on many levels. We attracted dozens of people who had never set foot in a Legion branch and were able to share our mission with them. On the financial side, we attracted more players than ever before as 111 competitors paid their \$10 fee to vie for donations to their favourite charities. We were able to reward their generosity as we had 43 gifts to give away as prizes, many from local businesses.

Volunteers

Branch and community members played a key role in the tournament from start to finish. Our thanks to those in the kitchen (Sam Saikaley, Brent Craig, and Ruby McKinney), photographer Helen Flaherty, our prizes procurement team (Hilda Murphy, Lynda Mercier, Kelly Rusk, and Doug Cody), Kyle Ryc who donated a Bridgehead gift basket, our Best-Team-Name contest judge, Joan Wright (who also took photos), and Kelly Rusk and Emily Charette (door). It also was great to see more branch members playing on various teams.

Our next tournament will take place on June 3. Hope to see you there!

Results

- First place: \$500 donation to Country Cat Sanctuary
- Second place: \$300 to 63rd Ottawa Scouts
- Third place: \$200 to the Ottawa Humane Society
- Fourth place: \$100 to the Ottawa Food Bank





Photos by Helen Flaherty and Joan Wright

Great Give and Take Relationships

While our Branch does much to help the community, the folks in our community also help us out. When we asked for door prizes for our 10th Trivia Challenge For Charity tournament in February, businesses and individuals in Westboro and beyond came through.

Our thanks to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anka's Esthetics• The Barley Mow Pub – Westboro• Bridgehead• CAA North & East Ontario• Canadian War Museum• Canadian Aviation and Space Museum• Canadian Museum of History• Canadian Agriculture and Food Museum• Fendi Hair Lounge• Gina's Four Paw Spa | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Golf – O – Max• Kelly Funeral Home – Carling Chapel• Labatt Breweries• Maggie Fietz, Westboro Artist• Mattress Mart• MediaMiser• Petit Bill's Bistro• Summerhays Grill• The Ministry of Coffee• The Prescott• Whispers Pub and Eatery |
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We are also grateful to those who recently supported us in other endeavours, including:

The Great Canadian Theatre Company for the print Fallen Hero which will be framed and mounted in a suitable location upstairs, and

Jim Parker – Associate Member who presented the Branch with a framed poppy print which will also be located in a suitable location upstairs.

90th Anniversary Medal

To help celebrate the Legion's 90th year (June 2015 – June 2016) Dominion Executive Council approved the design and distribution of a 90th anniversary medal which is approved for Legion members as well as members of the Ladies Auxiliary to wear.

This medal is available for purchase at a cost of \$25.00.

Legion or LA members wishing to purchase, while supplies last, may contact Richard Pharand the Branch Honours and Awards Chairman.

Youth Education

By the time this newsletter has been published the following students will have received a Zone level award for the 2015 Literary and Poster Contests:

(At this time we do not know how they placed)

- Zef Goldbaum
- Aron Goldbaum
- Sabina Silverstone
- Megan Keon
- Emily Huang

Post Secondary Student Bursaries

Bursaries are available from the Royal Canadian Legion to qualifying students.

To see if you qualify, how to proceed and access an application form go to the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command's website (under Youth programs). Deadline for applications is Friday 25 March at the Ontario Command office in Aurora.

Carol Raoult,

Youth Education

EASTER WEEKEND SCHEDULE

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| Friday 25 March | CLOSED |
| Saturday 26 March | OPEN (Regular Hours) |
| Sunday 27 March | CLOSED |
| Monday 28 March | CLOSED |



LAST POST

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| McKinney, John | Veteran Feb 18 |  |
| Martin, Charles | Ordinary (veteran) |  |
| Yachuk, Kathleen | Ladies Auxiliary 15 Feb |  |
| Hebert, Lucille | Ladies Auxiliary 15 Feb |  |

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them*