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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Comrades,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you once again as your Branch President. When I last served you as your President, I made several promises to you. Those were to always remain open to listen to your thoughts, comments and other concerns; to work as hard as I could with all the members and guests to ensure we have an enjoyable branch to be at whether you are having a few cold refreshments, watching TV, having a night out of dancing, playing various branch sports or even trying your luck at bingo or whatever you may enjoy to do; increase the number of paid members; increase our community involvement; increase the support provided to our seniors and especially our Veterans; improve the physical appearance of the branch with various touch-ups and renovations and finally reduce our debt.

I am very proud to say since that time in 2008-2009; as you are likely well aware, we have successfully accomplished or at least started on all these promises. In fact through hard work and support from members and guests, we were able to eliminate our debt completely. The problem now is our aging building. For the definite need to have proper air conditioning and heating, we have just had to replace our heating/air conditioning for the main floor. There are other renovations which are much needed and we will discuss these as time carries on.

In April of this year, the Zone Commander acclaimed me as your Branch President for another term – at least one more. I thank all the members for allowing me the honour to hold this office and represent our branch wherever I go. The members also elected a new Executive committee. Some members have returned but we also have new Executive members to bring new ideas and suggestions to the table. In fact, at the time I write this to you, we only have a few vacancies left on the committee – this has been very rare in the recent past as there were many vacancies from time to time. I can assure you we are all looking forward to working hard for the members and the branch to increase morale and overall have a good time! The Executive have proven this already by eagerly meeting on two different occasions in the last two weeks since the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

Now that I have discussed the past and a little bit of the present, let's look ahead to exciting things being planned for Westboro Branch 480's future. In the past members and guests alike always enjoyed themed fundraising parties – well they're coming back! Soon you will see 50s/60s dances, January beach party, east coast night, Halloween, St Patrick's Day, and more! Let's not forget other annual events like the Remembrance Dinner, New Years Eve and the New Years Levee. Our annual three parades will be on as always. The ever popular bus trips will be back and also by popular demand, Friday evening suppers. This is only a few of the ideas already in the works to allow people to enjoy themselves but also help out the branch financially at the same time.

In order to make the branch succeed in every way possible, we need your help! If you have not renewed your membership, please do so! If you know of a friend or relative who may like to join, bring them down for a visit and maybe encourage them to take the step forward to becoming a part of this great organization. We also need your help in one other way – the Legion as a whole is finding it very difficult to organize and put on events as we do not have the volunteers we need. Please take a short bit of your time and lend a hand at any sporting event, leisure event, special event or committee work. We also always welcome any ideas you can provide us or perhaps organizing a special event on your own.

I will ask you all to help me to ensure we have a successful and enjoyable branch for all to enjoy! Invite your friends, neighbours, anybody! to come by and have a good time – All Are Welcome! We have much work to do but together as “one team” we can do it! My door is always open for you to express your thoughts to me and I look forward to meeting you if I have not already.

In conclusion, let's never forget why we are here today. We are here to honour, pay tribute and never forget our Veterans and Fallen Comrades. Take a moment to Remember, Share a Story, and especially...Thank A Veteran!

See you soon at Westboro Branch 480!

David Lewis  
President

## BURSARIES

There are 2 potential Royal Canadian Legion bursaries for students through the Westboro Branch.

The first is from Ontario Command and Foundation and Ladies' Auxiliary and which is due by the last Friday in March. This one is only for students who are currently in post secondary education.

The second one is from Ottawa Poppy (which is composed of 3 Branches: Westboro, Strathcona and Eastview). This one is for students who are in post secondary education or who are just entering post secondary education. The form used for this one is one adjusted from the Ontario Command form. The deadline for the Ottawa Poppy form is July 15. Obtain the form from the bar steward at Westboro Branch or contact D. Cody (Bursary Officer).

## POP TABS & CANS

Camp Misquah's "Trash for Cash" Program

For those who may not be aware, the Branch recycles its pop cans and tabs by sending those items to a summer camp for developmentally challenged youth and adults. The camp takes these items to a scrap dealer and takes the cash to assist funding for the camp. In the last 4 years the camp has raised over \$2,000 each year. The cans and tabs from the Branch are not a lot, but it all adds up.

If you are interested in helping out the camp they are looking for the following:

Pop cans and tabs	Beer, wine and alcohol containers
Copper pipe	Copper wire
Brass	Batteries (car, boat, motorcycle, etc.)

If you have something to donate please contact D. Cody



The Royal Canadian Legion Westboro Branch 480

# **BATTLE of BRITAIN**

## **Parade and Service**

**Sunday, September 18, 2011**



**ALL members are strongly encouraged to participate in the parade and at the service**

**Parade forms up at 1:30pm**

**Service at the Westboro Cenotaph at 2:00pm**

**Entertainment to be Announced**

**3pm to 5pm and 6pm to 10pm**

**DONATIONS OF FOOD APPRECIATED!**

# CADET LIAISON

## Cadet Liaison Report – June 2011

### Year End Parades

It is the end of the school year, and therefore the final cadet corps parades are suddenly upon us. Your humble correspondent, the Westboro Legion's Cadet Liaison officer, visited four Cadet corps over the last few weeks.

#### Air Cadets

**11 Ottawa Kiwanis Royal Canadian Air Cadets** had their final parade on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May.

The CLO had the pleasure of presenting the Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Excellence to Cdt. F/Cpl Jingxuan Chen. This young man plays saxophone in the band and is a lad of some promise. Not only has he shown distinguished service with the corps, he has also been a splendid recruiter: Ten new members of 211, which is not an insignificant increase in unit strength. Band strength was 8 on parade, and estimated other troops to the count of about 35. Not only that, he was in the Legislative Page program at Queen's Park, volunteers with the city of Ottawa, a youth delegate to Healthy Children Healthy Spaces conference, and got a grant from the United Way to encourage youth in outdoor physical activities. The letter recommending L/Cpl Chen for the medal, "these are only a few of the projects" that the young man has involved himself well.



211 is assisted by a committee under the aegis of the Air Cadet League, who have been making determined efforts to get the parents of the cadets involved in the corps affairs. The committee and corps also have the support of the Kiwanis club - who have a [photo gallery of the parade](#) on their website.

#### Sea Cadets

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Falkland had theirs at HMCS Carleton. Although we do not sponsor this corps, we did receive an invitation and the CLO attended to represent Westboro. You will have seen this corps at the Battle of



Atlantic parade this past May. This is the tall corps (ages 12 to 18). We sponsor the short corps of 8 to 12 year olds - The Navy League Sea Cadets (V/Adm. Kingsmill). More on them later.

## Army Cadets

This year on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, 2317 - 30<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, had the Annual Review Parade. This corps has increased its strength by almost 50 per cent over the past year. Next year, they will be following their parent unit, 30<sup>th</sup> Fd. Regt. (The Bytown Gunners) to CFB Uplands where they will make their new permanent home. In the usual fashion, they will be in "temporary" accommodations until new buildings are completed. Old sweats will know how that goes.



*The 'Gunner's badge'*



*The Gunner's badge*

Nine cadets completed their Gunner training and were given the RCA badge to replace the standard Cadet badge on their headgear.



*The Army Cadet badge*

The CLO was pleased to present the Westboro Legion Award for Best First Year Cadet to Bombardier Amelia Townsend.



*Bdr. Damphousse receiving the ME*

He also had the privilege to pin the Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Excellence on Bombardier Katherine Damphousse.

There is a photo gallery on the web of the inspection, from forming up to the final group photo. The Cadets also have a pretty good website as well that has a link to the gallery.



*Medal of Excellence*

## Navy League Cadets

This year's parade by Navy League Cadet Corps Vice Admiral Kingsmill was held at the venerable Cartier Drill Hall downtown on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. These are the tiny seamen that you will see marching at the end of the Battle of Atlantic parades, and standing around in shopping centers helping with the Poppy Drive. Aged 8 to 12 years, they are as serious as the older cadets, and as cute as a pile of puppies.



*Navy League Cadets Kingsmill on parade*



## **The Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Excellence**

Since two of the medals were awarded this year, let's take a closer look at what it's all about. The medal is given upon the recommendation of the unit's Commanding Officer. The Legion rules as newly specified by Dominion Convention last year say that the cadet must have served for at least three years, completed all mandatory training and participated in 75% of the voluntary programs, been involved in at least three non-cadet community projects, and finally, being a clean, smartly turned-out, active cadet that is a credit to his or her corps.

### **Final Words from the CLO**

The Cadet Liaison Officer has to say that this is fun duty! Watching these earnest young ladies and gentlemen reminds him that he started his military career by joining cadets. But here he pauses and admits to a certain preference for one of the three cadet corps that we sponsor. Back when he was fourteen years old in Dauphin, Man., he joined 1597 - 70<sup>th</sup> Fd Bty RCA Cadet Corps. So when he discovered that one of his cadet units was attached to the famous 'Bytown Gunners', he smiled!

One of the most important influences on the success or failure of a cadet unit is, of course, the parents. The CLO noted that every single one of the COs made a point of thanking the parents for not only giving permission to their children to join, but for also making sure that they got out to the parades. But of course, kind words from the Old Man may please the moms and dads, that is not their main reward. It is to see their youngsters learning how to dress themselves cleanly and smartly. To watch them learn the skills required for a citizen to work with other people, whether you like them or not. To observe them making the transition from child to citizen.

As they march manfully and seriously with boots shining, sharp creases in their uniforms and brass polished, what parent can watch unmoved? What if the lines are a bit wobbly, and the troop not always in step, what if, as they stride about the parade square arms swinging furiously and eyes dead ahead (mostly), what matters it if they sometimes give more the appearance of a school of guppies than a troop of Coldstream Guards? It is nevertheless a sight to warm the cockles of the heart of any proud parent. This is not merely the CLO's opinion. It is based on the evidence of a sea of mothers and fathers beaming warmly at the earnest activities of their children on the parade square.

Respectfully submitted,  
Orrin C. Kerr, CD  
Cadet Liaison Officer.

## YOUTH EDUCATION

There are over 30 schools in Westboro's territory. Most of them have Remembrance Day activities but only a small number participate in the Legion's Literary and Poster Contests. The Branch will be looking to try to encourage more schools to use the contests as a way to promote remembrance. We will be recognizing Branch winners by showing off their efforts on our website this year.

We will also be trying to get more schools aware and involved with the Legion's Public Speaking program as well.

## POPPY NEWS

The 2011 Poppy Campaign will not start for months but we are already getting geared up for it. A good part of the supplies have already been received. There will be tables staffed at 5 locations: Carlingwood, Westgate, Lincoln Fields, The Superstore and now Wal-Mart at Laurentian Place - a total of 8 tables. At this point it looks like the refurbished Fairlawn Plaza will only require poppy trays.

Please keep in mind that we will be looking for members and friends to help out in malls, work as drivers to distribute trays and poppies, prepare trays, count money, speak to schools and other groups and assist with remembrance ceremonies. Your participation makes this campaign, which is the Legion's biggest and most important public effort, a success. We look forward to seeing you in the Fall.



# TRACK & FIELD

By the time this note is seen the District G Track and Field Meet will be history. The best of those competitors will move on to the Provincial championships in Chatham on July 15 and 16. From there will be selected the team to represent Ontario at the National Championships being held in Ottawa at the Terry Fox facility located at Mooney's Bay from Friday August 05 through Sunday August 07.

You can be involved in several ways.

First, volunteers are needed to help set up facilities at the track on Thursday 04 August and tear down on Monday August 08. Or help set up and take down facilities at the closing banquet on the Monday.

Second, you can come out and cheer on Team Ontario (or whichever one you like) and watch some of Canada's future Olympians in action.

Third, the Local Arrangements Committee is raising funds to make the event happen by running a raffle. Tickets can be purchased at the upstairs bar for \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

Finally, on Sunday August 07 the Legion team coaches will be coming back to our Branch to enjoy a well deserved dinner and afterwards listen and dance to the music of Pam and Doug Champagne. Members are welcome to come to the Branch that evening to enjoy the music and help welcome our guests from across the country.





## KNITTING PROJECT

Colleen Foley has turned over the “Knitting Project” to Laurie Cody.

If you would like to knit she would like to have you aboard (member and non-member).

If you have wool or needles you no longer want and would like to see put to good use she will make sure that they will not be left to gather dust.

Contact Laurie at (613) 722-8859.



## CENOTAPH PROJECT

At the May General Meeting the members were shown the design of our proposed probable cenotaph and overwhelmingly approved the concept. Funding for the construction costs was applied for from the Poppy Fund and Veteran’s Affairs Canada. Ontario Command turned down the special use of poppy funds for the project because the guidelines state that monies are to be used for refurbishment/repairs and not for new construction. We are in the process of seeking alternative funding to replace Poppy Fund money. Veteran’s Affairs Canada has approved \$500 towards the cost of the project. We have applied to Dominion Command for approval for the use of the poppy on the new cenotaph. Results are pending. Once the order has been placed it will take approximately two weeks for the cenotaph to be in our hands.

# ENTERTAINMENT

July.02	9 th Line	8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
July.08	Assembly Required	8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
July.09	Don Martin	8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
July.15	Diplomats	8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
July.16	Diplomats	8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
July.22	Terry & Paul	8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
July.23	Doug & Pam	8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
July.29	W.R.D.	8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
July.30	Tony True	8 p.m. - 12 p.m.



August 05	Not booked yet	
August 06	Not booked yet	
August 07	Doug and Pam Champagne	7 p.m. - 12 p.m.
August 12	Al Visser	8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
August 13	Andy King	8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
August 19	Assembly Required	8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
August 20	Not booked yet	
August 26	Country Junk	8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
August 27	Not booked yet	



## OF SPECIAL INTEREST

In July 2011, during their first official visit to Canada, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge met with Fred Hicks and Doris Jenkins. What a privilege for our Branch members !

## CARLINGWOOD & WESTFEST

From January through until June members staffed a booth at Carlingwood selling "Support the Troop" materials, talking to potential members and letting the community know that we are here. We also organized our annual Pancake Breakfast at Westfest as well as having a table on the street where we again sold "Support the Troops" shirts, etc., collected funds for Tim Horton cards for the troops and talked to people in the community about becoming part of our organization. There are still many people out there who are unaware that they can become a member. It is important that we get that message out there because there are many people who would be happy to join us in supporting our Veterans, our Troops and our Community.

**Help us get the word out.**