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Editors Comments:

Hello everyone!

I hope everyone had a safe and cheerful Holliday season. With spring just around the corner we are all getting excited about warmer weather coming our way...I didn't get much submitted this time around so the newsletter is quite short.

I am sure that the committees are all in forward mode and busy planning upcoming events for your pleasure. As you will read in the Presidents message, the branch is not doing well financially. Most of the reason is due to rising costs and unplanned maintenance and repair costs. It would be a shame to lose our branch due to lack of support from the members so again I urge you all to get involved and don't assume someone else will do it...Volunteer your services and expertise whenever and wherever you can. The executive work hard to make the branch an enjoyable place to be, so it's up to the membership to support them.

I remind you that Due to rising printing costs only a limited number of papers will be printed and available at the Branch. Those people who's email address I have will receive their copy via the internet and I ask that you forward to any members or friends who's email I do not have. For those with no email, you can pick up a copy at the branch unless you have requested that one be delivered to you. The newsletter can also be viewed on the Legion Website...under Zone G-5 Branches-Stittsville.

Thank you to all that contributed to this issue....Bev Currie, Ron Currie, Joan Davis, Christine Philipson and Norm Fortin. Hope you enjoy this issue.

Nadia Sgarbossa

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Support Our Troops ! Remember to show them we care.



Wear Red on Fridays!

Not much to report right now as the Elections will be held in March.

Zone Web Site - Our webmaster continually is adding new things to benefit members; most recently with the addition of Veterans Contact information under the Veteran's Services drop down menu. Check it out.

<http://www.rcl-zoneg5.ca/>



Presidents Report:

Ron Currie

A little something from the President..

Comrades, your Legion Branch needs your help. This is the first year in a long time where the Branch's finances are in the red at this time in the Legion year. And we are not just in the red but are significantly so – to the tune of over \$10,000.00. It is time to tighten our belts, and the Executive is willing to do so. We have established a Finance Committee which will be looking at ways to save money in the day-to-day operation of the Branch and ways to make more money.

I think that the main problem is that our building is old, and requires more and more maintenance to keep it in shape. Hydro and heating bills are high and will get higher as we move into the Time of Use era in May. So when you are asked to turn out the lights or live with a little less heat, please cooperate.

We have some money in the bank, but we can't continue to use it for daily operations, as it will run out and then where would we be ?? If you think that our Legion Branch is worth keeping, then please come out and support us at our events. Without you, the Branch will fold!!

Membership:

Winners of the Early Bird 2011 Membership Draw were:

James Ramage, Lloyd Carr and Peter Couturier...CONGRATULATIONS

Sports Officer /Executive Member

Norm Fortin

During the last few months we have asked everyone to update their e-mail address on their yearly renewal forms. The purpose for this request was to update our database with your current e-mail address so we could keep in touch with everyone and send regular updates about the ongoing events at your legion. The legion can only survive with our volunteers, we believe by letting everyone know of the coming events and our need for help, we could count on all of you for support.

The legion is now over 280 members strong and among us we surely have a vast knowledge of skills and talents. The legion is always looking for various skills for our building upgrades, repairs or even as a guidance on issues. Please drop us a line or two and let us know your specialties, talents or knowledge that the legion could possibly use in the future.

November 11, 2010

Remembrance Day Parade

Photos Courtesy of Dale Hogan Photography and EMC Newspaper –





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55 Plus:

Joan Davis

The Tuesday afternoon Euchre' parties are doing pretty good. We have between 8 & 11 tables.

We had our Christmas get together on December 16th at the Glen in Stittsville and everyone seemed to enjoy it . The food was really good.

We still go to the slots on the first Wednesday of every month. Attendance though has dropped down as some of our regulars are in Florida.

We made a donation to the branch of \$1000.00 to help with the cost of electricity and hydro.

Our membership is still the same about 37 members.

We will be looking into some kind of trip that we can take in the summertime if we can get enough people to join us.

Ladies Auxiliary

Shirley Pretty

The Spring Tea will be held soon...the date to be decided. The ladies continue to cater for the Lions Club Dinner meetings every second week.

Legion Seniors:

In December Christmas stockings were delivered to the Veterans at Granite Ridge Long Term Residence and Main Street Residence.

Thanks to Bev and Ron Currie, Judy Campbell and Elwin Young for delivering to Granite Ridge and Joan Davis, Shirley Pretty and Pat Graham –Main Street.

For Your Information:

Bev Currie

- At the Zone G 5 council on Feb 7th 2011, **Ron Currie** received his Palm leaf to his MSM. (Meritorious Service Medal). At the same council meeting **Shirley Munroe** received her MSM ***Congratulations to both. Well deserved!***
- **Pat Graham** has agreed to take on the Legion Seniors Chair.
- **Carolyn MacLeod** will be doing membership. **Sharon LaHaise** will train her and Joe after he recuperates will be on her committee.

Thanks to both Pat and Carolyn for stepping up.

- **March 5** – 618 Legion Dart Tournament with West Carleton
- **March 6** Zone G 5 Convention at Barrhaven Legion
- **Steak Nights** will start on June 10th and will be held every second week for June, July and Aug.
- **March 17** – Irish stew in the lounge
- **Karaoke March 26**
- **April 2** the **Glitter Bugs** will entertain more info to follow.
- **District Convention** in Brockville on April 15 thru 17.
- **April 16 Karaoke**
- **Zone sports** have started and will be going through the next couple of months. Norm has posted a list on the board downstairs and anyone who is interested in playing should let him know. Bowling will be late in Feb. but Blaine Kiley needs to know soon if anyone is putting in teams (let Norm know and he will get the info to Blaine). Remember, anyone playing Zone Sports must be a member in good standing and according to Provincial rules that means you have to have paid your 2011 dues before Jan. 1. Sorry guys, not our rules but we have to follow them.
- There was a Training and Organizational Development Seminar on Jan. 26, in Cornwall. Ron & Bev Currie, Norm & Evelyn Fortin and Corinne Drover attended.
- Norm Fortin and helpers with funds from the Survivor's Club have installed ambience lighting in the upstairs hall. They look great and anyone having a function up there will really appreciate them, not to mention it will help save our dart lights from being twisted around and broken. ***THANK YOU TO NORM, HELPERS AND THE SURVIVOR'S CLUB.***
- **Thanks** also go out to the **Survivor's Club** for putting on a great New Year's Eve function. Corinne and Lee provided great music as always; the entertainment and food for New Year's Day were also provided by the Survivor's Club and everyone had a great time at both functions.
- **Euchre** is played every Tuesday afternoon starting at 1:15 p.m. **Bingo** is played every Wednesday starting at 6:45 p.m. sharp. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend all these events.
- **Bursary forms** are still available at the Legion Hall. The cut -off date is March 31st, 2011 for information call 613-836-1632

Helpful Hints For Winter

Keep your headlights clear with car wax! Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights - lasts 6 weeks.

Squeak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol! Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking & squeaking wipers change to near perfect silence & clarity.

Ice-proof your windows with vinegar! Frost on it's way? Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water & spritz it on all your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water---preventing water from freezing!

Prevent car doors from freezing shut with cooking spray! Spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors & rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber

Fog-proof your windshield with shaving cream! Spray some shaving cream on the inside of your windshield & wipe it off with paper towels. Shaving cream has many of the same ingredients found in commercial defoggers

From: Christine Philipson

A message to all members of VeteransofCanada.ca - A Community for Canadian Heroes

We are 25% of the way for our membership goal for February. Will you help us get there? More members means more connections with old buddies and friends for all of us.

The VeteransofCanada.ca Newsletter will be sent out by email this weekend. I will be trying out our new email server.

Hope it works! In this edition of the newsletter "Back to the Front" I write an article to show you the costs that there is

to running VOC. I will never be asking you to pay a yearly membership fee, but I hope you will help by introducing me to business owners that will support us.

In the next few days you will also see some BIG changes in the Veterans Community. I hope these improvements will make it even better.

Here is a image to print for cars that you see with Veteran Plates



VETERANSOFCANADA.CA
A Community for Canadian Heroes

I have placed this business card on your windshield because I noticed the veterans licence plates on your vehicle. I too am a veteran and would like to invite you to join our "Veterans Community" website. Please visit <http://veteransofcanada.ca> and click Veterans Community to start your profile. Join in the discussions, the promotions and discounts, post your pictures, catch up with old buddies. All FREE! for those that served in uniform for Canada.

Sincerely,

Don Leonardo

VeteransofCanada.ca

Visit VeteransofCanada.ca - A Community for Canadian Heroes at:

http://community.veteransofcanada.ca/?xg_source=msg_mes_network



The Stittsville Legion Band has been quite active leading up to & through the end of 2010. Between the concert band & the two smaller bands formed out of the concert band, the Dinner band, plus the Main & Abbott Dance Band, the members have played an incredible 20 engagements. That's very impressive for a volunteer organization of some 40 members, which has to pack up & move all of its equipment, music, stands, instruments & PA system each time they play!

The dinner band is a collection of 10 musicians with conductor, playing jazz or quiet lounge music set at a higher standard in order to provide appropriate background music for semi-formal or formal events. Some of the events were the Legion Remembrance Banquet, Shad Qadri's election campaign plus the election celebration. The dinner band also performed at a Cancer fund raising support function at Rink Pro Sports in April!

The Legion Band, commonly referred to as the concert band, worked through a surprising number senior's home during the year. The focus is to bring music & enjoyment to those not always able to travel to events, & it's great for us to be able to give that gift to others. We had other events of note in the year, especially the Stittsville Canada Day celebrations at the Goulbourn Recreation Centre (GRC), the Stittsville Village Fest & the Stittsville Parade of Lights. All were high profile public events as well as great fun for the band members, especially the Parade of Lights! We had our own float, with a few stalwart members assembling things in the afternoon (dancing to keep warm, too!) then getting everyone on board to play Christmas music for the parade. It was cold enough that everyone had instruments freezing up while they played, even the PA microphones froze! We all survived & are planning how to stay warmer for this year's parade.

The Main & Abbott Dance Band is focusing on high profile engagements, doing 4 for the year, with the first on Canada Day at the GRC. That was followed by an appearance on the A Channel morning show in October at the Train Park. The band did very well despite the 8:00 AM time slot at one degree above freezing!

The Concert Band & the Dance Band participated in the Inaugural Stittsville Christmas Festival Concert, fund raising for the Catholic Education Foundation Organization (CEFO) drive to alleviate poverty for the children. This event was in early December, with a good turnout & most notably attended by a 6 member Colour Party of our RCL Branch #618 Stittsville. Their support was most appreciated for the tribute to the Canadian Forces. Many thanks to Larry Romard and his team.

The support of the Stittsville Legion has been superb, granting the band the use of the old Orange Lodge to turn into what we now refer to as "The Studio", allowing us to reduce the musician's gypsy-like existence to have some permanence, except when we move things in order to play engagements. It's appreciated such that band members have taken on some of the cleaning responsibilities above the main hall, as well as helping when available with some of the kitchen duties during functions. We also handled the cash responsibilities during the poppy drive, at the same time, putting away the many Halloween decorations. We hope to turn this into an annual event.

******* Upcoming on **March 13th**, we will be performing at the Canadian War Museum to close out the Navy Centennial Exhibit with our concert billed as "Navy Standards through the Century". Featured performers will be the Stittsville Legion Band, the Main & Abbott Dance Band, The Mission Dance Group, Piper Jordan McConnell & a trio of ladies that will make you think the Andrews Sisters are back. Don't miss this event! Posters will be out shortly.

The Stittsville Legion Band wishes to acknowledge the ongoing support of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #618 Stittsville for their generosity. 2010 was a banner year, & 2011 promises to be even better for all. Thanks to Nadia for the invitation to submit this article.

See you soon!

Submitted by SCB Public Relations – Bob Steadman

2010/2011 BRANCH CHAIRMEN

	*Chairman-----	Dave Cashman
*Membership-----		Carolyn McLeod/Sharon Lahaise/Joe Cosman
	*Poppy-----	Judy Campbell
	Trust Fund -----	Randy Reid
	Bursary-----	Judy Campbell
	*Youth Education -----	Corinne Drover
	*Public Relations -----	Barb Vant'Slot
	*Track & Field -----	Frank Windsor
	*T.O.D. -----	Ron Currie
	*Legion Seniors -----	Patricia Graham
*Veterans Services-----		Dave Cashman (Assistant Rob Dunbar)
	*Sgt. at Arms-----	Larry Romard
	*L.A. Liaison -----	Joe Cosman
	*Sports -----	Norm Fortin
	Nevada -----	Evelyn Leroux
	Sick & Visiting -----	Elwin Young
	Property/Housing -----	John Leroux
	Ways & Means -----	Judy Campbell
	Honours & Awards -----	Ron Currie
	Regalia -----	Larry Romard
	By Laws & House Rules -----	Clive Morris
	Entertainment -----	Judy Campbell
	Tannoy Editor -----	Nadia Sgarbossa
	Bingo -----	Evelyn Fortin
	Bingo Treasurer -----	Evelyn Leroux
	Bar Officer -----	Irv Campbell
	Juvenile Sports -----	Frank Windsor
	Donations -----	Ron Currie
	55 Plus Liaison -----	Clive Morris
	Survivors Club Liaison -----	John Leroux
	*Secretary -----	Bev Currie
	*Treasurer -----	Alison Albert

* = Chairman is on the Executive

TOAD = Training and Organizational Development

2010/2011 BRANCH EXECUTIVE

2010/2011 Ladies Auxiliary

President	Ron Currie
Past President	Dave Cashman
1st Vice	Joe Cosman
2nd Vice	Pat Graham
Secretary	Bev Currie
Treasurer	Alison Albert
Executive	Corinne Drover
Executive	Barb Forbes
Executive	John Leroux
Executive	Barb Vant'Slot
Sgt. at Arms	Larry Romard

President	Shirley Pretty
Past President	Pat Warford
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2 nd Vice	Katherine Giroux
Secretary	Tina Rockburn
Treasurer	Joan Davis
Sports	Marion Gullock
Sgt. @ Arms	Barb Vant'Slot
Executive	Mary Lyngard
Executive	Rita Morgan
Executive	Pat Warford



Remember

Condolences are extended to the dear families that lost loved ones over the last several months. Our prayers are with you.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them



Branch General Meetings

2nd Thursday of each Month

Ladies Auxiliary Meetings

4th Monday of each Month

ZONE

Zone Commander for 2009 -2011 Term is Doug Munroe

Deputy Zone Commander for 2009 – 2011 Term is Sue Frazer

DISTRICT 2009-2011 Term

District CommanderRon Goodwin

1st Deputy CommanderKen Serrenti

2nd Deputy CommanderRay Foster Sr.

Sports OfficerRay Foster Jr.

Best Wishes to all that are sick in Hospital, at home or in Seniors Homes and may you all have speedy recoveries....

Good Luck to Joe Cosman-hope your surgery is successful!

Thinking of you;

Jean Morris, Mary Lyngard, Dave Morley, Ab Black, Veronica Corcoran, Valerie Dicenso, John Rattrey, Ruby Walters and any and all I may have missed.....