



The Lacombe Legion



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New Look!

New Logo!

The Legion badge worn to designate Legion membership since its approval in 1962, is one of three designed elements to be included in a new standard graphic appearance for the organization.

The aim? To present to members and all Canadians the picture of a large, organized, modern, effective organization. It was decided to use the badge as a background element, a type of watermark or screen, to remind members of the group to which we belong and to show those who aren't that we are organized, and strong believers in our purposes and objects. Today, however, many younger Canadians think of remembrance and the poppy when they hear the word "Legion". Hence the decision was made to inscribe a newly designed poppy over the letter "e" in Legion.

Why? The new two-dimensional design of poppy with its curling leaf and black centre puts an accent on that particular letter making the word "Légion" our French title. The accent is on the poppy!

The last element to be incorporated into the design was the Maple Leaf, from the centre of the Legion badge. Placed behind the poppy it stands for Canada and together they show that we belong to a very large country and that we believe in remembrance and unity - and our traditions.

In the future we will see other changes in the Legion to stationary, magazines and newsletters.

Excerpt from the Reveille Magazine

The Legion . . . On Line

Dominion executive council has authorized an immediate wide e-mail permit all Districts, Branches to communicate more efficiently with each other via e-mail as more come on line.



start of a Legion-system. This will Commands, Zones and

In the future it is planned to establish an internet-based e-mail system called "E-Legion". Based on the *hotmail* system all Branches, Zones, Districts and Commands will have an e-mail address accessible from the main Legion web site at www.legion.ca.

The Lacombe Branch is "on line" and will take advantage of this faster way of communicating. The Lacombe Branch e-mail address is rcl79@telusplanet.ca.

Steak Fry and Dance

Celebrate spring!
You deserve it!



Friday April 12
Supper 6:30 pm
Dance to follow



MUSIC BY MELODY LANES

Members and Guests

Congratulations to . . . Zone Sports Winners

Lacombe Branch #79

Cribbage Legion Teams

Third Place

John Robinson	Colleen Robinson
Joyce Bradford	Faye Chomoway

Cribbage Pairs

First Place Pairs

Doug Handford	Joan Handford
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Legion Darts

Third Place

Herb Draney	Dave Swarbrick
Bill McAdam	Glen Miller

Darts Senior

Second Place

Gordon Kelly	Shirley Hallgren
Tom Keats	Audrey Keats
Al Bunn	

Lacombe Legion Branch #79

Branch Hours

Monday to Saturday inclusive 3 p.m.-10 p.m.

Weekly Activities

Monday	Bingo	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Darts	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Cribbage	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Meat Draws	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Action Group	
Saturday	Meat Draws	4:30 p.m.
1st Saturday	Whist	7:00 p.m.
3rd Saturday	Military Whist	7:00 p.m.
Phone	Ruth Hoppus	782-5365
	Marie Long	782-2186

Meetings

Lacombe Branch #79

General Meeting	1st Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Executive Meeting	Last Thursday	7:30 p.m.

Ladies' Auxiliary

General Meeting	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Executive Meeting	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.

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Lest We Forget

Comrade and veteran

James Bottomley

Born July 23, 1920

Died February 14, 2002

Comrade James Bottomley was a staunch member of the Lacombe Branch

The Lacombe Branch #79 offers condolences to *Comrades Joyce Bradford and Joan Handford* on the passing of their father



Comrade and veteran

Robert (Bob) Hill

Born March 12, 1915

Died March 8, 2002

Comrade Bob Hill was a Dieppe prisoner of war and an active member of the Lacombe Branch

The Lacombe Branch #79 offers condolences to the family

We Will Remember Them

Service Officers

The **Royal Canadian Legion** has a national network of Service Officers who assist veterans, serving military and RCMP members, and ex-serving military and RCMP members with claims for disability pensions involving their service with those agencies or with financial problems following retirement.

For full details, persons with claims can contact a Service Officer at a local branch of the Legion, a Provincial Command, or the Dominion Command offices, or Veterans Affairs Canada.

To assist with the process for assistance, please complete the questionnaire on the last page of this newsletter.

Family members and all veterans are invited to inquire at the Legion Branch in their community.

In Lacombe, call 782-6441

Time is of the Essence!



Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Elsie Suter, Reporter

Correction to January Newsletter

General Meeting:

First Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Meeting:

Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Year 2002 Executive

President	Jean Bruns
First Vice President	Trudy Friesen
Second Vice President	Joan Roback
Past President	Barbara Burnett
Secretary	Doris Dicknoether
Treasurer	Ellen Fannon
Sergeant at Arms	Eva Whittaker

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Amelia Collett	Mary Slaght
Onagh Lidster	Velma Price
Edith Hustad	Elsie Suter

Isobel Dermott had the misfortune of falling and received a serious injury.

Isobel is recovering in the Lacombe Hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery.

Our ladies have purchased a new Ladies Auxiliary Branch #79 banner.

Our annual Spring Bazaar and Bake Sale will be held in the Legion hall Saturday, March 23, 2002

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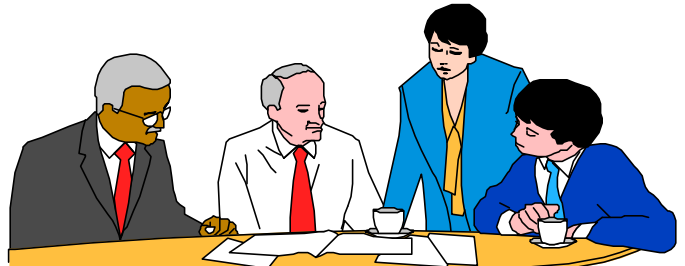
Note

During January and February the ladies served refreshments after the funeral services for the following deceased:

January 18,	Comrade Frank Butcher
February 7,	Teresa Thompson
February 11,	Comrade Edward Chalmers
February 19,	Comrade James Bottomley

We welcome **Diana Grodaes** to our lounge staff. Diana has lived in Lacombe since 1979. She is the mother of three children and has one step child.

Diana formerly worked as receptionist at the Lacombe Hospital.



39th Dominion Convention

The Dominion Convention will be held at the **Shaw Conference Centre**

9797 Jasper Avenue

Edmonton, Alberta. T5J 1N9

during the days of June 9 - 13, 2002.

Some information is now in the Branch.

- the Convention Call;
- the Convention Program;
- a Credential Certificate;
- a list of hotels;
- a sketch of the downtown Edmonton core area showing hotels, the parade route and the location of the wreath laying ceremony;
- a list of trailer/recreational vehicle parks.

Legion Sports



Advancing to Command Senior Mixed

Darts are Comrades Gord Kelly, Shirley Hallgren, Tom Keats, Audrey Keats and Al Bunn. They will be

heading to Cold Lake on March 15th.

Congratulations on advancing and we wish them good luck and hope they bring back top prizes.

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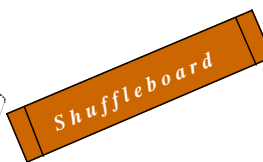
The Lacombe Branch will be entering a team into the *Spring Couch Potato Softball League*.

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Interested members; please leave your name and phone number with Comrade Dave Swarbrick at 782 6441.

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Another **Fun Night** is planned for March 23 including, Darts, Crib, Pool and Shuffleboard. Come on down. It will be fun!





Remembrance Day Contest - 2001

(Zone 3 District 4 Winners)



Poem

Junior Level

1. Fiona Anderson
Mirror School, (Branch #189)
2. Casey Nielsen
Mirror School, (Branch #189)

Intermediate Level

1. Jocelynn Gray
Lacombe Jr. High, (Branch #79)
2. Kathryn Vogel
Clive, (Branch #171)

Senior Level

- 1 Crystal Stork
Lacombe Composite High, (Branch 79)
- 2 Annette Carlson,
Erminskin High School, (Branch 66)

Essay

Junior Level

1. Calee Duro
Bashaw School, (Branch # 38)
2. Shantel Huff
St. Augustine Ponoka School, (Branch #66)

Intermediate Level

1. Jenny Evans
Lacombe Jr. High, (Branch #79)
2. Patti Dick
Lacombe Jr. High, (Branch #79)

Senior Level

1. Joshua Klopstra
Central Alberta Christian High, (Branch #79)
2. Erron Doering
Lacombe Composite High, (Branch #79)

Black and White Posters

1. Derek Simmers
Bashaw School, (Branch # 38)
1. Savannah Gowalko
St. Augustine Ponoka School, (Branch #66)

Intermediate Level

1. Matt Rezter
Lacombe Jr. High School, (Branch #79)
2. Andrew Leung
Lacombe Jr. High School, (Branch #79)

Senior Level

1. Rachelle Gyori
Central Alberta Christian High, (Branch #79)
2. Christina Faver
Central Alberta Christian High, (Branch #79)

Coloured Poster

Junior Level

1. Meghan Louis
Ponoka Elementary School (Branch #66)
2. Devon Hunter
Bashaw School, (Branch #38)

Intermediate Level

1. Haley Campbell
Crestomere School, (Branch #66)
2. Esther McDonald
Lacombe College Heights Christian School,
(Branch #79)

Senior Level

1. Amanda Healing
Home Schooling Mirror, (Branch #189)
2. Francine Tiemstra
Central Alberta Christian High, (Branch #79)

Remembrance Day School Awards Dinner

will be held in the Royal Canadian Legion Ponoka Branch #66, May 2, 2002.

Please let the Ponoka Legion know how many are coming a week prior to date. Let the schools know of the date, time, cost, etc.

Encourage the students, parents and teachers to attend.

Supper at 6:00 PM; cost is \$10.00 per person, children free.

Awards will be presented after supper.

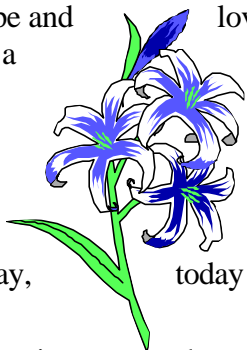


March marches on, oblivious to our whims and wishes of the way we would like things to be.

A fierce storm has recently blasted through . . . reminding us of years gone by when winters were always long and cold.

March 21 is the beginning of spring, so this too shall pass. March also means Easter this year.

Our faith, hope and love may have been through a winter but coming, coming, and shall pass. promise of same yesterday, tomorrow.



season of spring is sunshine is this too The Easter is the today and

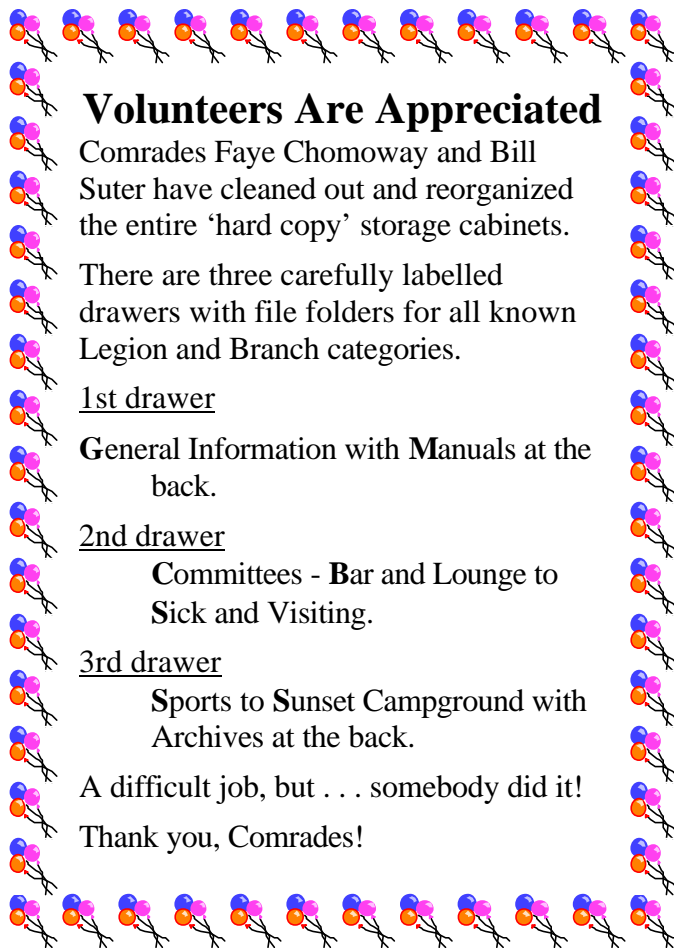
No matter what is happening now, good or bad, it shall pass. The only certainty is life, then death, then the possibility of eternal sunshine with our Lord.

So today is the only gift we have to share with our world. We can use it or abuse it. We can share it or hide from it.

We can move forward or we can stand still. As one gifted writer said (paraphrased), *'Yesterday is but a memory and tomorrow is only a dream. But today, well lived makes every yesterday a memory to treasure, and every tomorrow a vision of hope.'*

**Embrace today . . .
embrace the hope . . .
live thankfully
and joyfully
because God cares!**

Shealagh McClelland, Branch Chaplain



Volunteers Are Appreciated

Comrades Faye Chomoway and Bill Suter have cleaned out and reorganized the entire 'hard copy' storage cabinets.

There are three carefully labelled drawers with file folders for all known Legion and Branch categories.

1st drawer

General Information with **Manuals** at the back.

2nd drawer

Committees - Bar and Lounge to Sick and Visiting.

3rd drawer

Sports to Sunset Campground with Archives at the back.

A difficult job, but . . . somebody did it!

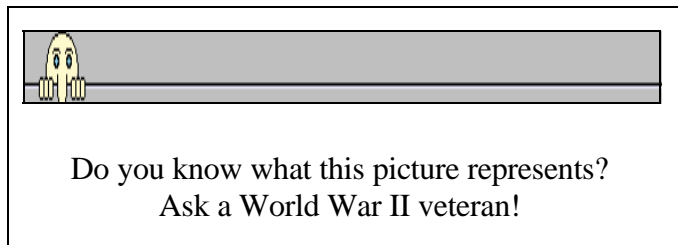
Thank you, Comrades!

The Lacombe Royal Canadian Legion Branch #79 has extended the hand of friendship to members of the Lacombe Eagles, who are part of the Action Group organization.

This is done by welcoming us to use the facilities at their Branch. Everyone enjoys the fellowship, as well as playing pool, shuffleboard and cards. A good time is enjoyed by all.

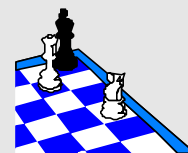
We wish to thank the Legion for their generosity in letting us use their activity room.

Lacombe Eagles



Do you know what this picture represents?
Ask a World War II veteran!

A group of chess enthusiasts had checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories.



After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse.

"But why?", they asked, as they moved off.

"Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

Branch Report

March 10, 2002

Branch #79 was fortunate to have new By-laws passed by Provincial Command. One of the major changes was to move the elections to June from January. We simplified many of the previous by-laws and included others in the Policy Manual, so changes could be made at a General Meeting to meet the requirements of the overall operations of the Branch.

Lacombe Branch #79 lounge hours remain the same as in the past, Monday - Saturday from 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Mondays the Branch has Bingo in the Upper Hall, Tuesdays is Dart Night, Wednesday Crib Night, Friday is Meat Draws and Social, Saturday afternoon Meat Draws are also held. Also in the evenings of the first and third Saturdays we hold Whist Parties. This has become very popular with the average attendance of 36 - 40 people. A good turnout for a traditionally slow night in our lounge.

The Branch also has good member participation for the Poppy Campaign. The members do a good job of canvassing the town for the sale of wreaths. We also have many members turn out for the school visits. With having 11 schools to visit, 9 within Lacombe and we also visit Blackfalds and Bentley, we need many volunteers to allow for every school to have the Legion present at their Remembrance Day ceremony.

The Branch had the honour of presenting four Canadian Peacekeeping Medals.

The recipients included three members of our Branch. We also presented Life Membership to three very deserving members in recognition of their many years of dedication and hard work within the community and to the Branch.

Lacombe Branch donated \$2,635.00 from the Pull Ticket revenue, another \$10,000 from Bingo revenue and \$7,300.00 from the Benevolent Fund. Pull Ticket donations were down this year as we received approval from Provincial Command to retain 85% of the revenue. This went into the

Building Fund, to assist us financially with the expansion.

Some members of the Branch worked at the Casino for two days. This netted the Branch \$17,000.00. The money received from the Casino in Red Deer has assisted in providing handicap accessible features. This includes a lift to the upper hall, wheelchair

accessible washrooms and wider doorways.

Our Branch membership is 10 Life Members, 92 Ordinary, 135 Associate, 11 Affiliate-Voting and 63 Affiliate-Non Voting. This includes 27 new members, 11 transfers and 2 reinstated.

Respectfully submitted by
Comrade Jim Rose,
for President Joyce Bradford.

This report was presented at the Zone Rally on March 10, 2002 in Bashaw. Commander Bev Gallagher and Past Dominion Commander Hugh Greene were also present.

There were seven Legion and one Ladies Auxiliary member attending from the Lacombe Branch.

Twenty three zone members were in attendance.

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As Tom was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang.

Answering, he heard Audrey's voice urgently warning him, "Tom, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Highway #2! Please be careful!"

"It's not just one car," said Tom.
"There are hundreds of them!"

*'In peace, sons bury their fathers;
in war, fathers bury their sons.'*

Herodotus

Lady Hodges Dart Tournament



Saturday, April 27, 2002
Registration 9:00 a.m.
Games 10:00 a.m.
Entry fee \$10.00/person
Place Branch #79

3 Ladies per team
Pre-registration
before April 20th

Royal Canadian Legion
Lacombe Branch #79
5138 - 49 St.
Lacombe, AB T4L 1J2
Phone 782-6441 Fax 782-
2077 3:00- 10:00 p.m.

The paradox of our time in history is that;
 we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers.
 Wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints.
 We spend more, but have less.
 We buy more, but enjoy it less.
 We have bigger houses and smaller families.
 More conveniences, but less time.
 We have more degrees, but less sense.
 More knowledge, but less judgement.
 More experts, but more problems,
 More medicine, but less wellness.
 We drink too much, smoke too much,
 spend too recklessly, laugh too little,
 drive too fast, get too angry too quickly,
 stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little,
 watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.
 We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our
 values.
 We talk too much, listen too seldom, and hate too
 often.
 We've learned how to make a living, but not a life.
 We've added years to life, not life to years.
 We've been all the way to the moon and back,
 but have trouble crossing the street to meet then new
 neighbour.
 We've conquered outer space, but not inner space.
 We've done larger things, but not better things.
 We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.
 We've split the atom, but not our prejudice.
 We write more, but learn less.
 We plan more, but accomplish less.

We've learned to rush, but not to wait.
 We have higher incomes, but lower morals.
 We have more food, but less appeasement.
 We build more computers to hold more information
 to produce more copies than ever, but have less
 communication.
 We've become long on quantity, but short on quality.
 These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion.
 Tall men, and short character.
 Steep profits, and shallow relationships.
 These are the times of world peace, but domestic
 warfare.
 More leisure, but less fun.
 More kinds of food, but less nutrition.
 These are days of two incomes. But more divorce.
 Of fancier houses, but broken homes.
 These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers
 throw away morality, one-night stands, overweight
 bodies,
 and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to
 kill.
 It is a time when there is much in the show window
 and
 nothing in the stockroom
 A time when technology can bring this letter to you,
 and a time when you can choose either to make a
 difference,
 or to just it delete.
 Author Unknown

Food For Thought

Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: NAIVE

Isn't making a smoking section in a restaurant like making a peeing section in a swimming pool?

OK! So if the Jacksonville Jaguars are known as the "Jags" and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are known as the "Bucs," what does that make the Tennessee Titans?

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea...does that mean that one enjoys it?

If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?

14. Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?

What hair colour do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me they're cramming for their final exam.

I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks, so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use? toothpicks?

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office?

What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

Ever wonder what the speed of lightning would be if it didn't zigzag?

If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose?

Whatever happened to Preparations A through G?

**Subject: Urgent Issue -
Long Term Care of Veterans**

"On the 23 of November, 2001 I wrote to the Minister of Veterans Affairs advising him of the Legion's dissatisfaction with progress on three key issues that have resisted resolution in spite of years of discussions and negotiations.

These three issues are national standards for Long Term Care, the extension of applicable Veterans Independence Program benefits to surviving spouses for life and expanded Prisoner of War benefits. I invite you to make your members of parliament aware of the Legion's concern, as I will explain.

I will leave the issues of Veterans Independence Program benefits for surviving spouses and Prisoner of War benefits for another forum. I want to address the very real and pressing systemic problems of Long Term Care for our veterans. Resolution of this issue requires no legislative change. It does however require the funding, commitment and leadership of Veterans Affairs Canada.

Starting in the 1960's, the Government of Canada made a decision to turn over veterans' facilities to the provinces in which they were located. These were institutions such as Colonel Belcher in Calgary, Deer Lodge in Winnipeg, the Rideau Veterans Home in Ottawa and Camp Hill hospital in Nova Scotia to name but a few. Over the years all except Ste. Anne's in Montreal were transferred. An attempt was made to hand over Ste. Anne's to the province of Quebec a few years ago, but that has been effectively forestalled for the time being. Currently Veterans Affairs is committed to expending in excess of 60 million dollars in capital funding to refurbish the institution. It remains today as the last federally run institution for the Long Term Care of veterans in the country. It is funded and operated at a standard that is second to none. For the Legion, Ste. Anne's represents the yardstick by which all other facilities can be measured. That should not be surprising, given the professionalism and dedication of the staff, and the fact that the per diem funding per veteran is approximately double or in some cases more than double the funding provided to the provincially operated veterans institutions.

When the facilities which have been turned over to the provinces were still under the direct control of Veterans Affairs Canada, the lines of responsibility were very clear. All concerned understood that it was the Government of Canada through the Minister of Veterans Affairs who was responsible. Despite provincial involvement, it is our contention that this is still the case. Now, perhaps in an ideal world we could simply turn back the clock, return all the facilities to Veterans Affairs Canada and thereby, resolve this whole complex difficulty. However, I realize that this is not a realistically achievable goal. Veterans Affairs Canada can contract with the provinces, private agencies or anyone else who can deliver the standard of

care our veterans deserve. Never the less, veterans who served Canada deserve a Canadian standard of care not a provincial or territorial substandard according to where they reside.

Although the lack of common standard has been raised as an issue by the Legion and other veterans organisations for a number of years, it was only in December 1998 that the then Minister of Veterans Affairs the Honourable George Baker committed to achieving those common standards by June of 1999. The Department began to work with the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation to implement the objective. (continued on next page)

The CCHA is the professional body that currently conducts the accreditation process in hospitals and other health care institutions throughout Canada. Veterans Affairs had identified ten outcome areas that it felt that we as Canadians owe to our veterans. If these outcomes were assessed in conjunction with other accreditation criteria already established for Long Term Care institutions in Canada, we would have the common standards that the veterans' organisations have long demanded.

Veterans Affairs has now set the end of March 2002 as a target date for implementation of common veterans care standards. I would be delighted if I thought this was achievable by them but regrettably, I do not. Consequently, I wrote to the Minister on 23 November, primarily to signal our frustration with the fact that we have talked about this issue for years and we have not achieved this fundamental objective. The previously agreed deadlines have come and gone. I believe the result can only be accomplished with a clear acknowledgment by the Minister, that he and his Department are responsible for Long Term Care for our veterans everywhere in Canada, and that each and every one of our veterans deserves and is owed the same

standard of care epitomized by Ste. Anne's in Montreal.

The Minister has said that meeting the health needs of veterans requires a partnership. I do not disagree. Nevertheless, the Minister remains responsible for ensuring those partners achieve the proper outcome. We have been joined by the other major veterans organisations on this issue and we are united in this view.

Until Veterans Affairs Canada produces a realistic plan of action to attain national veterans care standards matching those that it has proved it can achieve at Ste. Anne's, I and the rest of the Dominion Executive will not meet with the Minister or his staff. It is for that

reason that I have directed our representatives to cease participation in the Gerontology Advisory Council and the Veterans Affairs Canadian Forces Advisory Council until such time as this matter is resolved.

With every delay, our veterans are spending their last days receiving different levels of care according to where they live in Canada. They served the nation and Canada owes each and every one the same high standard of care. The Minister of Veterans Affairs is responsible and is obligated to achieve this result. We will not rest until this obligation is honoured and realized. United as Legionnaires we present a strong and eloquent voice that cannot be denied. I therefore urge each and every one of you to contact your Member of Parliament and demand that positive and constructive action be taken to safeguard the Long Term Care needs of our veterans.

Fraternally,

William (Bill) Barclay

DOMINION PRESIDENT

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Statistical Information

Numbers in Service

South Africa (1899-1902) approximately 7,000
 World War I (1914-1918) 628,736 (includes 4,518 women)
 World War II (1939-1945) 1,081,865 (includes 49,963 women)
 Korean War (1950-1953) 26,791
 Gulf War (1991) 4,074 (includes 237 women)

Casualties

South Africa (1899-1902) 267 dead
 World War I (1914-1918) 66,573 dead
 World War II (1939-1945) 44,927 dead (includes 73 women)
 Korean War (1950-1953) 516 dead
 Gulf War (1991) 0 combat casualties

Wounded

South Africa (1899-1902) no record available
 World War I (1914-1918) 138,166
 World War II (1939-1945) 53,145 (includes 19 women)
 Korean War (1950-1953) 1,558
 Gulf War (1991) 0 combat casualties

Prisoners of War

South Africa (1899-1902) no record available
 World War I (1914-1918) 2,818
 World War II (1939-1945) 8,271
 Korean War (1950-1953) 33
 Gulf War (1991) 0

Statistics for the Colony of Newfoundland prior to 1949

World War I (1914-1918) - 16,922 served, 1,593 died, wounded unknown, 180 POWs
 World War II (1939-1945) - 19,460 served, 704 died, wounded and POWs unknown

Merchant Navy Statistics

1,400 served on the original 37 Canadian ships registered at the start of World War I
 14,000 served on registered ships during World War II
 175 died by enemy action in World War I
 1,146 died by enemy action in World War II
 1,059 names on the Halifax Monument (places of burial unknown)

Peacekeepers

More than 125,000 have served on missions since 1948
 More than 115 have died while on missions.

Significant Dates

in Canada's Military History (by month)

16 January 1991 Gulf War begins
 27 February 1991 Gulf War hostilities end
 09 April 1917 Battle of Vimy Ridge
 22 April 1915 Battle of Ypres begins (first of three)
 29 April 1991 Gulf War official cease-fire
 May 1943 Battle of the Atlantic (31 U-boats sunk)
 08 May 1945 Victory in Europe Day (V-E Day)
 25 May 1915 Battle of Ypres ends
 06 June 1944 Normandy Invasion (D-Day)
 25 June 1950 Korean War begins
 01 July 1916 Battle of Somme begins
 01 July 1916 Battle of Beaumont Hamel (Royal Newfoundland Regiment)
 10 July 1940 Battle of Britain begins
 10 July 1943 Invasion of Sicily
 27 July 1953 Korean War ends
 04 August 1914 World War I begins
 15 August 1945 Victory Over Japan Day (V-J Day)
 19 August 1942 Dieppe Raid
 02 September 1945 World War II ends
 03 September 1943 Invasion of Mainland Italy
 10 September 1939 Canada declares war on Germany
 October 1917 Battle of Passchendale
 31 October 1940 Battle of Britain over
 11 November 1918 Armistice Day - World War I ends
 30 November 1916 Battle of Somme ends
 06 December 1917 Halifax Explosion
 25 December 1941 Fall of Hong Kong