

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veteran's Association
Kingston Region Division

Newsletter

November 2010



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November

Our annual General Meeting is on the 16th at **MINO's** [See our website](#)

North side of Princess St, West of Gardeners,

We are all encouraged to participate in Remembrance Day Ceremonies where ever possible. Your local Legion will be more than willing to find a place for you.

December

Our Wine and Cheese Party will be at Bob Myhill's place. December 12, 2 pm to 5pm. In honour of this being our 10th anniversary we are asking members to bring their favorite beverage and everything else will be supplied.

[See our website](#)

January

At the moment we have nothing planned but that could change.

February

Saturday - Breakfast in Gananoque

Are you * **or** * your family members covered under the
Public Service Health Care Plan? (PSHCP)

Have you completed positive enrolment?

If you have, you may already have or will soon receive your PSHCP benefit card.

If you haven't, **act now.**

As of **November 1, 2010**, PSHCP claims for
you * **or** * your family **will not be processed**,
until you have completed positive enrolment.

Complete positive enrolment today.

Follow the instructions included in the enrolment package that was mailed to your home address by Sun Life.

Go to http://www.sunlife.ca/enrolment_pshcp and follow the instructions to complete positive enrolment electronically.

Call Sun Life Monday to Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST in the National Capital Region at **613-560-7846** or **1-877-283-1411** (toll free)

Help spread the word!

Tell your friends and colleagues to enroll now.

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Tom Petch suffered a heart attack a couple weeks back. He had two stents implanted and is at home. He attended the executive meeting on Thursday and is looking good. Welllll, for Tom!!

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In an effort to get our annual dues paid a little quicker the executive agreed to raffle off a turkey at the wine and cheese in December. Everyone that is paid up by the party will have their name entered. Just think ladies, you could come with one and go home with two turkeys

Our treasurer for many, many , many years, Tom Petch, is stepping down. The executive has appointed Jim Miller to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the term. (1 year)

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Last spring Ron Miller suggested we hold a 50/50 draw to generate some extra funds for our kitty. The winners are:

May	John Tait	\$16.00
July	Bev Miller	\$35.00
August	Wes Rideout	\$22.00
September	Karin Coburn	\$105.00
Octoberfest	TBA	\$50.00

More to come, get your uniform or best blazer and start planning on a party.

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Oktoberfest generated a profit of \$413.45. No mention was made of our President wearing Lederhosen . Imagine! Frightening (:-> {:->

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St John Ambulance Loyalist Branch (Kingston) seeking volunteers to work with committees.

2. (Five hours per month required to qualify for SJA service medal after 12 years)

We have Kingston Community Services Committee that has over watch on several units;

Therapy Dogs

Adult Patient Care

RMC

Queen's University

We are re-establishing our Cadet/Youth Program as well.

We are also looking for those who wish to work with marketing and promotions.

Committee members do not attend board meetings. They may apply for a board position if available during the AGM in May.

Please contact Gary Hayes for additional information through his e-mail gary.hayes@on.sja.ca and provide your phone number if you wish.

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The Detachment is putting together a Regimental Ball in the Spring to coincide with the installation of the Footstone for Don Cherry's grandfather. His regimental number is under 200. And we thought Vern was old.

More to come, get your uniform or best blazer and start planning on a party.

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THE VETERAN ON OUR TEN DOLLAR BILL

If you look at the back right-hand side of a Canadian \$10 bill, you will see an old veteran standing at

attention near the Ottawa war memorial. His name is Robert Metcalfe and he died last month at the age of 90.

That he managed to live to that age is rather remarkable, given what happened in the Second World War. Born in England, he was one of the 400,000 members of the British Expeditionary Force sent to the mainland where they found themselves facing the new German warfare technique - the Blitzkrieg.

He was treating a wounded comrade when he was hit in the legs by shrapnel.

En route to hospital, his ambulance came under fire from a German tank, which then miraculously ceased fire. Evacuated from Dunkirk on HMS Grenade, two of the sister ships with them were sunk.

Recovered, he was sent to allied campaigns in North Africa and Italy. En route his ship was chased by the German battleship Bismarck.

In North Africa he served under General Montgomery against the Desert Fox, Rommel.

Sent into the Italian campaign, he met his future wife, a lieutenant and physiotherapist in a Canadian hospital. They were married in the morning by the mayor of the Italian town, and again in the afternoon by a British padre.

After the war they settled in Chatham where he went into politics and became the warden (chairman) of the county and on his retirement he and his wife moved to Ottawa. At the age of 80 he wrote a book about his experiences.

One day out of the blue he received a call from a government official asking him to go downtown for a photo op. He wasn't told what the photo was for or why they chose him. 'He had no idea he would be on the bill,' his daughter said.

And now you know the story of the old veteran on the \$10 bill.