

Newsletter

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President's Message

There are two things that I want to accomplish as president, the main one is to become more active with the Detachment, i.e., being resource people for the investigators, especially the ones new to the area. The other is to raise our profile in Kingston by being more visible at public functions such as Remembrance Day. There are many things we can do to promote the Force and I'm sure I will get lots of suggestions.

Attendance at Memorials

After the mixup over attendance at our deceased member's repatriation we discussed the protocol to be followed. Our Gary will be making representation to the force and the military to have it recognized that our "Uniform" includes the Red OR Blue tunic. Uniform is always acceptable. I will look into acquiring Wedge Caps for those interested. Having caps would permit us to show respect through a salute when appropriate.

EXECUTIVE MEETING -JANUARY 29, 2010 - Gananoque Inn, 9:00am

[Annual General Meeting - Regina June 6, 2010](#)

Bryan Neville, our vice-president, will be our delegate to the AGM. Several others have indicated interest. Please let me know so I can send you a copy of the brochure.

National Elections

No names were surfaced to be forwarded to the election committee.

Canada Pension Plan reduction to our pension.

There is much correspondence floating around about this, still. Unless something extremely noteworthy surfaces I will not be passing it along. The proposal was voted down at the committee level in December while we still had a government. Who says they do nothing?

Finances

Tom Petch advised we had approximately \$8,000.00 in the bank with an additional \$2,000.00 (approx) invested.

Thank you Donation

Gary is presenting a cheque for \$500.00 to the "Kingston Military Family Support Centre". We passed the motion to make a donation to go to an educational trust for dependents .

Social activities for the year

The following activities were suggested. PLEASE, if you would like to add an activity or host something contact myself or Ron Miller our social director. Many of these activities are tentative at the moment. Time, location and hosts have not been finalized for everything.

January	We had a great luncheon in Gananoque at the Gananoque Inn. 18 members and associates dined on Steak Dinner for ninety-nine cents.
February	Look forward to an excellent Breakfast/Brunch at MacNeils Landing in Gananoque on the 20 th , Meet at 9:30 with Breakfast at 10:00. Members are encouraged to wear jackets. Spouses are encouraged to attend.
March	Earl McClare is looking after finding us a luncheon location somewhere west of Kingston on the 16 th . More to come when details are final.
April	We jump to the other side of the area for lunch on the 20 th . Somewhere that Dick Dickins thinks is suitable for our presence.
May	Gary is putting together a celebration for our 140 th anniversary on Saturday the 22 nd . The actual date of our anniversary is the 23 rd , this is the date the force was signed into existence in Ottawa. Marching orders came later. I suspect we will be at one of the military bases in Kingston to celebrate the origin of our first leader.
June	We are looking at a cruise. Either on the Rideau or the St. Lawrence. Ron Miller is looking in the Rideau cruise (we know who is really doing the looking??) And your esteemed Secretary is researching a cruise on the mighty St Lawrence. One of us will come up with an enjoyable water cruise. If you have particular preferences please let us know.
July	This is usually our summer BBQ. Hopefully it will be again.
August	This is the time for a corn-on-the-cob feed. Gary is checking with a potential location for this. If anyone is interested in hosting this see Ron Miller
September	We are back at Aunt Lucy's for luncheon on the 21 st . Time T.B.D.
October	Ron is liaising with the Base Commander in Kingston to have an Oktoberfest on Saturday the 23 rd . An Om PA PA band, lederhosen, sausages, beer and sauerkraut. What could be better?? We should talk about a costume prize! Definitely not a uniform event.
November	The month is set aside for members to attend Remembrance Day services where ever and when ever possible. There is no meeting planned.
December	We are hoping someone will come forward and offer their home for the Christmas Wine and Cheese gathering. If not it will brown bags at McDonalds.

The Gananoque Detachment met for \$1.99 breakfast last Wednesday at the Gan Inn.