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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hayden Kent

I would like to start off by apologizing for not submitting a President's Report for last month's newsletter. This was the first time in 12 years as President that I missed the deadline.

I am most pleased to congratulate our Honorary and Past President, Comrade Gord Crigger. Gord was awarded the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation. (Please see next page for article) Unfortunately none of the Executive was able to attend as he was presented with this while we were at our Dominion Convention at the beginning of the month. As I've said in the past, Gord has been very much involved in all aspects of serving veterans and is to be applauded for this awesome achievement.

On the topic of Dominion Convention, I'm glad to hear that everyone has made it home safe and soundly. I'd like to thank Gord Kent and his committee, along with Provincial Command for doing such a great job coordinating the hospitality room. It was highly appreciated.

I must take this opportunity to thank the members for all their support. I was honoured to have received the Order of Service Award, which is the second highest award our association gives out. I am truly grateful for this recognition from my peers.

As the cooler weather is upon us, we can now say we've put another summer behind us and we are looking forward to a busy fall and Christmas season, with our current membership of 1136. I am so proud that once again, we have maintained our 1100 + membership goal. Comrades, I would like to bring to your attention to a motion that was approved by our Executive at the last meeting to increase our membership fees for the 2015 year. Our memberships will be increased to \$37.00 per year. If you purchase next year's membership before January 1st, 2015 you will pay the current price of \$35.00. Later renewals will be subject to the newly approved fee.

Comrades, I would be remiss this month if I did not make mention of the devastation that wreaked havoc on the safety and well-being of our country, as outright attacks befell two of our own honoured soldiers while they carried out their duties right here at home. As you well know, I am referring to the untimely deaths of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Corporal Nathan

Cirillo. It is enough that we worry about the safety of our soldiers who are serving abroad and come together to pray for their safe return, but to have our comrades attacked here at home brings a new turmoil to our sense of security. I believe that our military, our government and most importantly our citizens, have responded to these terrible acts with shows of incredible respect and admiration. We need to continue to stand together to show the world that we are united and will not stand down to acts of terror.

I invite all members to join us, along with their families and friends, as we honour all of our active and fallen comrades on November 11, 2014. As you know, we continue to work diligently every year to present a service to all of our community that demonstrates the respect we have for all of the brave soldiers who have and who continue to bring us our freedom and protect us at home and abroad. Doors will open for the service at 9:30am and will be locked at 10:30 sharp. I hope to see you all in attendance at this most important event of our association. Further to this, on behalf of our Remembrance Day Committee, I would like to thank those members who have purchased tickets to attend our "ANAVETS REMEMBERS" Dinner and Dance on November 9th, as part of our Veterans Week Events. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a special thank you to our Remembrance Day Committee of Pat Parago, Ken Cade, Joanne and Sheldon Clupp, Gord Kent and Syd Stamper, as well as Rae Roberts and the Colour Party for their upcoming participation in our community school services.

I am pleased to report that all of our sports leagues are up and running smoothly and to announce that some of our leagues are up in participation. I would like to thank the Chairpersons and Co-chairs for all of their hard work as our sports leagues are very important to us.

In closing comrades, I would personally like to congratulate Comrades Gord Crigger and Tom Munroe for receiving the Award of Merit, the highest award given out by the association, and to Bill Todd, Ben McMurachy and Al Dunham for receiving the American Legion Friendship Award. Our association is very proud of you. Also, I would like to congratulate Comrade John Gillis on receiving the Order of Service Award. John has touched the hearts of many veterans and members of our community.

HEADINGLEY VETERAN RECEIVES HONOUR FOR HIS SERVICE

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Headingley was honoured for his military service with a Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation on Oct. 10 in Winnipeg.

According to a Veterans Affairs department news release, the commendation is awarded to residents of Manitoba who have contributed to the care and well-being of veterans or to the remembrance of the contributions, sacrifices, and achievements of veterans.

The Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation was created in 2001 by warrant of the Governor General and with the approval of Queen Elizabeth II. To date, the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation has been awarded to 32 Manitoba residents and 34 Saskatchewan residents.

Crigger said he was surprised when he learned he would be receiving the award.

He joined the Royal Canadian Army Pay Corps in 1958. He served in West Germany, and had a four-month tour in the Gaza Strip with the United Nations Emergency Force in 1967 that was cut short when the Six Day War started.

Crigger was posted to Northern Regional Headquarters in Yellowknife for four years. A promotion to Chief Warrant Officer in 1983 brought him and his family to Winnipeg, where he worked at Command Comptroller Branch Air Command headquarters.

In 1988, Crigger took his release from the regular force and then assumed the appointment of group

chief warrant officer at the Air Reserve Group Headquarters. He earned his captain's commission in 1994 and was employed that summer as comptroller at Vernon Cadet Camp Vernon, B.C.

In the fall of 1994, Crigger retired to civilian life. He moved to Headingley in 2007, but continued his activities with the Charleswood Legion Branch 100 and the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Unit 283 in Winnipeg.

Crigger is currently honorary president of Unit 283, and has held a number of other executive positions, including president. He has also co-ordinated the majority of the Unit's 38 memorial services. He is also a chartered member, treasurer and membership chair of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping.

Crigger received a Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977, a Gold Jubilee Medal in 2002 and a Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2014.



(From left) Minister of Veterans Affairs Julian Fantino with Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation recipients Barry Mitchell of Winnipeg, George W. Stetina of Winnipeg, Gordon Crigger of Headingley, and Clinton Fontaine of Winnipeg, joined by MP Steven Fletcher (Charleswood-St. James-Assiniboia-Headingley). The commendations were presented at a ceremony in Winnipeg on Oct. 10.



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LADIES AUXILIARY

Elvia Furutani

October is just about over and there was a lot that happened. The Dominion Convention took place and our new Dominion President is Brian Phoenix and our own Dominion representative from Winnipeg, Ron Smith, is now Second Vice. The week went by very fast with lots of business being put out there on our Veterans programs and rights. Hopefully some of it will become a reality, and a better future will come about for our military men and women and their families.

Then we were in Brandon for the Quarterly, October 19th, and it went well. The Ladies Provincial Command Draw was held on Sunday with our Ladies Auxiliary winning the 1st prize for \$500. The 2nd prize for \$200 was won by William Atkins from Selkirk and the 3rd prize for \$100 was won by Jon Dunning, also from Selkirk.

The hospitality was great and everyone had a nice visit and the sports play was also held Saturday while Command Snooker was being played.

Our ladies are not doing much in the way of catering, mostly small functions due to size of Auxiliary and

help available.

Our next Executive and General Meeting will be held November 4th at 7:00pm due to November 11th being Remembrance Day. With the Remembrance Day Service held at the Unit and the start of Remembrance week, everyone will be very busy. Our school visits will take place and our poetry from our young writers will come in to add their thoughts to remembering our veterans, past and present.

The ladies will be attending the November 9th Remembrance Dinner and Dance with the purchase of a table of eight, it should be a lovely evening.

Our ladies are also doing their meat draw and cake table on November 29th, hope to see all the ladies out for this.

In closing, "God Bless Canada" and our service men and women, and Remember the Freedom you enjoy daily comes at the ultimate sacrifice for some of our veterans.

"We Will Remember Them"

MEMBERSHIP

Leo Barron

Our total membership is 1136 and we are getting very close to the closing date of October 31st. The 2015 Membership cards are now on sale.

The ANAVET 52nd Biennial Dominion Convention was held in beautiful Penticton, British Columbia in October. It was well attended. The hospitality was super, and the scenery and weather was most enjoyable. The Okanagan is a pretty place to visit.

I want to thank Don Sutherland and Elsie Fraser for looking after the membership while I was away. They

will be getting the raise I promised them. It will be the same as last year. This is the FRIENDLY CLUB.

On a more sombre note, a reminder that a very important date is coming up and that is November 11th, Remembrance Day. It is a day we set aside to remember our fallen comrades. We hold a Remembrance Day Service in the Hall with members of the military and cadets present. This Service is open to the public and everyone is invited to join us. The doors open at 9:30am and are locked by 10:30am. Please come early.

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OVER 55 & RETIRED

Marg Rixen



We held our annual Craft, Bake and Miscellaneous Sale on October 18th and it was a great success. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who came out early Saturday to help put everything out. Thank you to the Tri-Service Vets, Mark, Dave and John, who were a big help to us. A big thank you goes to Judy Reed, Ann Korniat, Donna Ayotte and Rosalie Hill, who came out a couple of days a week for the past 6 weeks to mark all the items and pack them away for the sale. That was a big job. Thank you to Bill Muir and Gord Ayotte who made sure the barrels were emptied daily, to Mary Lou Talmage and Sharon Bugden for doing a great job of making up the Silent Auction baskets, and to all the volunteers who worked at the sale. Thank you to Sylvia Antonio, Judy Tait, Lil Besteck, and Janet Vickery for running the Sandwich Bar, and to all the Sandwich Makers. We couldn't have had such a success if it weren't for all the kind people who generously donated all the items for the sale and all the baking and donations for our Sandwich Bar. We greatly appreciate it all.

We had 99 members in attendance at our October meeting. Total membership to date is 247. We are now taking 2015 renewals, after you renew the Unit membership. We were informed of the importance of an up to date Will by Bill Pooley, a Practising Lawyer on Wills, Power of Attorney and Real Estate.

Thanks to the members who attended a Visitation at John Osborn Unit #1 on October 3rd. A good time was had by all.

Our New Members Luncheon will be held on November 25th at 12:30pm in the John Thompson Room. Please RSVP to Jean Grosvenor by November 14th at 204-832-2940.

Our first quarter results in bowling are:
#1 - Team 2 + 2, Captain Sharon Bugden, with Steve Fallon, Vera Muir, and Mel Jarvis
#2- Team Harry's Harem, Captain Ann Korniat, with Gord Bugden, Helmut Bohnisch, and Shirley Hellofs
Highest game to date:

Men - Helmut Bohnisch at 286
Ladies - Norma Lavallee at 267

REGULAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3rd Executive Meeting 10:00am
November 4th General Meeting 2:00pm
November 11th Remembrance Day Service at Unit #283 (doors close at 10:30am)
November 25th New Members Luncheon 12:30pm in John Thompson Room
November 26th to 28th Shooting Star Casino, \$129.00 (non-members welcome)
Darts every Wednesday at 12:30pm
Bingo every Thursday at 1:15pm, bring a friend (chips provided).
Bowling every Friday at 9:30am at Academy Lanes West, spares are always needed. Come out and have some fun and exercise.

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WAYS & MEANS

Bill Sadler

Well I now know I can take longer holidays having been away for two consecutive Saturdays, on holidays and at the Dominion Biennial Convention in beautiful Penticton, British Columbia.

In my absence, my co-chair Terry Murray and her assistant Rodney Blue took over and from all reports I've heard, everything ran as smooth, or smoother, than if I had been there.

As usual there were a couple of glitches and three people immediately jumped in to help. My thanks go out to Don Sutherland, Maxine Beatty and Dorothy Hollins.

On October 4th, along with the meat draw, there was a draw for the two Thanksgiving Hampers. The winners were Tony Lozinski and Sylvia Shaler.

My thanks go out to Terry Murray and her helpers for another super job.

Grey Cup tickets sales are going very well. Some people have sold their tickets and are looking for more. If you are not going to sell your tickets please turn them in as there is a demand for them. All tickets and money must be in by November 22nd.

We are looking for more volunteers to fill in for our volunteers who are snowbirds, and to fill in for any who is sick or away on holidays.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Terry Murray or Barb Sadler.

ENTERTAINMENT

Susan Paggett

Hello members, thank you to all who came out for the Halloween dance. Hope to see you all out for the Remembrance Day Service. Tickets for New Years will go on sale on November 15th. Same price as last year \$45.00 per person. Hopefully you will come out for this dance and dinner, and bring in 2015. The band playing will be Almost Angels.

As always, thank you for the support of Red Fridays.

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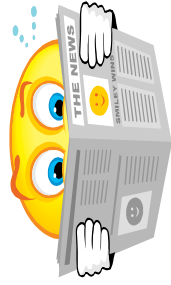
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Meat Draw & 50/50 3pm
2	3 Over 55 & Retired Exec. Meeting 10:00am Wizard Cards 1:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	4 Over 55 & Retired General Meeting 2pm Ladies Aux Meeting 7pm Tri Vet Meat Draw & Chase The Queen 6-8pm	5 CARP Meeting 9:30am Bingo 7:00pm	6 Bingo 1:15pm Cribbage 7:30pm	7 Bingo 7:00pm Pipe Band 50/50 Sports Meat Draw 6:30 (Ladies Snooker) Rockets	Ricky Redbone 8 Meat Draw & 50/50 3pm Sadie Hawkins Tournament 9:30am Rockets
9 ANAVETS Remembers Dinner and Dance	10 Wizard Cards 1:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	11 Remembrance Day Doors Open 9:30am Seated by 10:40am Service Starts 10:45am	12 Bingo 7:00pm	13 Bingo 1:15pm Cribbage 7:30pm Exec. Meeting 7:30pm	14 Bingo 7:00pm Pipe Band 50/50 Sports Meat Draw 6:30 (Curling) Vintage Groove	15 Meat Draw & 50/50 3pm Vintage Groove
16	17 Wizard Cards 1:00pm St James Assiniboia 55+ Texas Hold'em 6:30pm Bingo 7:00pm	18 Tri Vet Meat Draw & Chase The Queen 6-8pm	19 Bingo 7:00pm Cribbage 7:30pm	20 Bingo 1:15pm General Meeting 7:30pm	21 Bingo 7:00pm Pipe Band 50/50 Sports Meat Draw 6:30 (Masters) Almost Angels	22 Meat Draw & 50/50 3pm Almost Angels
23	24 Wizard Cards 1:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	25 Tri Vet Meat Draw & Chase The Queen 6-8pm Sports Meeting 6:45pm	26 Bingo 7:00pm	27 Bingo 1:15pm Cribbage 7:30pm	28 Bingo 7:00pm Pipe Band 50/50 Sports Meat Draw 6:30 (Over 55 & Retired) Whiskey Bent	29 Meat Draw & 50/50 3pm Whiskey Bent
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Saturday Meat Draw Starts at 3:00pm

November 1	November 8	Date	November 15	November 22
Beryl Torgasows	Bill Sadler	MC	Susan Paggett	Rae Roberts
Elvia Furutani	Barb Sadler	Main Lounge	Marg Rixen	Aline Sutherland
Carol Reid	Judy Reed	Table	Maxine Beatty	Ken Scarff
Jackie McDowell	Ann Korniat	Runner	Linda Alberts	Chuck Black
Marg Pokornik	Stella Pedersen	Games Room	Mary Pryma	Terry Murray
Steini Johasson	Wilmer Antonio	Table	Gail McDonald	Megan Peterson
Elly St Pierre	Elly St Pierre	50/50 Sales	Elly St Pierre	Elly St Pierre
Gerry Hamsey	Del Sadler	Cake	Terry Abrahamson	Donna Ayott
Wally Hamsey	Marilyn Brown	Table	Janet Vickery	Bea Aymont
Jack Belair	Rodney Blue	Drum	Wilf Betts	Jack Callum
Art Kavanagh	Steve Korniat		George Bonnefoy	Les Boyce

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PUBLICITY

Sheldon Clupp

First of all, I would like to congratulate President Hayden Kent on receiving the Order of Service Award at the Dominion Convention in Penticton. Very well deserved!

Having been away on holidays for the last month, I would like to thank Jon Miller for filling in for me and Joanne and getting the October newsletter out. I would also like to congratulate Jon for winning a game while competing in the Jim Williamson Open English Billiards Tournament and for being invited to referee at the World Championships, October 20th to 29th in Leeds, UK. A great honour I'm sure.

I had a great time at Dominion Convention in Penticton. The weather was gorgeous and it was nice to see old friends in the Association and make new ones. Joanne and I hosted a hospitality evening for our unit delegates after the opening ceremonies Sunday evening; we enjoyed pizza and wings, along with a few cold beverages.

Business sessions for me began Sunday morning at 9:00 when I attended the Standing Committee Meeting on Finance as an observer. Dominion 1st Vice President Brian Phoenix, now Dominion President, chaired the meeting. The Dominion Finance report was discussed, along with two resolutions. In the ANAVETS Parade at 2pm, I marched with the Colour Party and carried our Unit flag. I attended the opening ceremonies at 5pm and the rest of the business sessions Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We had some very good speakers to help keep the days interesting. We got a break from the business sessions Tuesday afternoon for sports where I enjoyed a round of golf with Hayden, Gord and Syd. Joanne also participated in the sports afternoon and along with Michelle Melnyk from Thompson who won first place in lawn bowling. Apparently they were so good the Club Pro asked them to move to Penticton and join the club, something to consider. We supported the local unit, Penticton Unit 97 on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday evenings. Although not a very large unit, they managed to accommodate large crowds by constructing an outside patio area at the back of the club. They provided entertainment every night and the food was great and plentiful. The bartenders were

all volunteers and they did an excellent job serving us. Well done for a one unit town. Overall, I thought the convention was very good, held in a most beautiful city, and successfully overcame the challenges they had with transportation and a small host unit.

On Sunday November 9th, Unit 283 is having a Dinner and Dance fundraiser, ANAVETS REMEBERS, remembering the 100th anniversary of WW1, the 75th anniversary of WW2 and the 70th anniversary of D-Day. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, do so right away as there are only limited tickets available. A portion of the proceeds is going to the Military Family Resource Centre.

And please join us November 11th for our Remembrance Day Service beginning at 10:45am.

“We Will Remember Them”

ANAVETS REMEMBERS	
100TH ANNIVERSARY WW1 75TH ANNIVERSARY WW2 70TH ANNIVERSARY D DAY	
Dinner And Dance Fundraiser	
November 9, 2014 5:00 to 10:00pm	
ANAF Unit 283 3584 Portage Ave. Stillwell Hall	
Dance to the music of Murray Riddell Big Band	Doors Open at 4:30pm
Music Starts: 5:00pm Dinner: 7:00pm	
Semi Formal or Mess Dress	<i>Menu</i>
Tickets \$50 Table \$400	<i>Cream of Broccoli Soup</i>
Limited Seating	<i>Tossed Salad</i>
Portion of Proceeds to MFRC (Military Family Resource Centre)	<i>Prime Rib</i>
	<i>Roasted Potatoes</i>
	<i>Honey Glazed Carrots</i>
	<i>Dessert</i>

SPORTS

Sylvia Shaler

I would like to say welcome to all the new members who have joined Unit 283 and the sports leagues. Welcome back to everyone who went to Convention, hope you all had a good trip and learned a lot.

We had Command Darts on September 27th at John Osborn Unit #1. We had a great time, a good turn out and a great meal. Thanks to Unit #1.

First place went to Selkirk Unit #151 giving them 4 points for the Shield.

Second place went to Brandon Unit #10, 3 points.

Third place went to John Osborn Unit #1, 2 points.

Fourth place went to Assiniboia Unit #283, 1 point.

Fifth place went to Portage Unit #13.

Sixth place went to Rockwood Unit #303.

Thanks for coming out went to Thompson Unit #388.

High finish went to Glen Walker.

Thank you to Bert, Chuck, Cliff & Loretta for playing for Unit #283.

On October 18th we had Command Snooker hosted by Brandon Unit #10. We had a great day, fun and laughs and great food.

First place went to Brandon Unit #10 giving them 4 points for the Shield.

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Third place went to John Osborn Unit #1, 2 points.

Fourth place went to Portage Unit #13, 1 point.

Thanks for coming out went to Selkirk Unit #151.

Thank you to the Command team for joining in to make the sixth team.

Our very own Mark Buchan won the High Run with 23.

Thank you to Mark, Al, Dieter & Ivor for playing for Unit #283.



The next Command event is Ladies Darts on November 1st at 10:00am in Portage la Prairie, Unit #13. Our team consists of Sharon Bugden, Marj McGowan, Tanis Grist and Joanne Clupp. Good luck girls!

On November 15th we will have the qualifier for the Biathlon (Mixed Teams) at 10:00am in the games room at Unit #283, so sign-up to make the team. Watch the games room for the sign-up sheet. Host Unit is Rockwood, Unit #303 at 10:00am on November 22nd.

I would also like to say congrats to our very own Jon Miller who was asked by the Winnipeg Veteran's English Billiards to play in the Jim Williamson Open Billiards Tournament before refereeing in the World Championship in Leeds, UK from October 20th thru October 29th.

Remember, if you love your freedom,
HUG A VETERAN.

Jim Rondeau
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LADIES SNOOKER

Carol Reid

Our season is rolling along quite nicely. There have been some great shots and some not-so-great shots. I think some of us learned something from our clinic earlier this year as there seems to be more hooks than ever before - or is that just a coincidence?

Diane is leading in the run department. In fact, she is presently the only name on the board. Let's go girls! We need to challenge her.

We are now in the process of preparing for our Sadie Hawkins Snooker Tournament on November 8th. If you haven't signed up for this fun event, you have until November 5th to do so. It is a fun-filled day, all for the low, low fee of \$7.50 - and we have cake! This tournament is open to all club members and guests.

Congratulations to Sue Maxwell and Barb Sadler, winners of the recent Thanksgiving Food Fare gift certificates.

Our next meat draw is November 7th and the gals scheduled to work are Diane and Bea, Bev and Cindy, and Minna and Shannan.

As we approach Remembrance Day, let us remember our servicemen and women and their families in our prayers. Their service and sacrifice does not go unnoticed.



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SHUFFLEBOARD

Ken Cade

We have completed 5 sessions of Shuffleboard and in the most wins column - Kim & Bob Hekl are undefeated with 15 wins, Ralph Pielt and Fran O'Neil - 12 wins, Shirley Lyon & Ken Cade 11 wins closely followed by Sandra Penner & Stan Jorowski. Most Hangers - Ladies - Faye Davidson leads with 8, Kim Hekl 6 and Elly St. Pierre 5 - Men's - Alain Dumoneaux leads with 5 followed by Don Gillon and Darryl Yeo with 4 each.

October 10th hosted the Shuffleboard Sports Meat Draw with thanks to the crew of Shirley Lyon - MC - on the table - Faye Davidson & Marg Pokornik - Drum and runner - Judie Brown while Ken Cade & Jackie McDowell were runners. Thanks to all who participated.

A number of us will be attending the Memorial Banquet on November 9th in memory of our fallen comrades with some of the proceeds being donated to the Military Resource Centre - we are expecting a great meal with wine - good food - great music for dancing - we welcome you to come out and join us.

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SENIOR SNOOKER

Dunc Manson

The Senior Snooker League began September 21st with the Marcel Bertouille Memorial Tournament. It was a two day event, with congratulations to winners George Bonnefoy and Merv Pilkey, and runners-up Terry Greenwood and Don Thomas. It was an amazing finale and I know that all who watched were entertained. "Right Bill M?"

Our singles league began October 6th with eighteen teams and the doubles began October 7th with twenty teams. We have seven new members this year, three as spares, three in the doubles and one in the singles. We are pleased to announce that two members who had missed all of last year have returned to the league. A special welcome back to Paul Klym who had experienced health problems last year. Looking good, Paul!

Len Cook and I missed the first week of the season and we would like to thank George Bonnefoy and Gord Richards for taking care of business for us.

Welcome to all returning players and the new ones. We are off to an excellent start and looking forward to a great season. Good luck to all.



Dunc Manson Merv Pilkey & George Bonnefoy
Tournament Winners



Don Thomas, Dunc Manson & Terry Greenwood
Tournament Runner-up

CONVENTION REPORT

Len Cook

I write this brief report as a result of the Motion passed at the June General Meeting.

I attended the 2014 Dominion Convention in Penticton B.C. from Oct. 4th to 9th. I attended all the Business meetings but, due to a communication error, I did miss one Caucus Meeting and I apologize for that. I also attended the Constitution & By-Laws Meeting as an observer on Sunday prior to Convention.

The Business of the Convention was run very well and all of the Manitoba Delegates were very professional in their actions.

On the first day we listened to 13 different speakers dealing with matters concerning Veterans. They were all very interesting and informative.

There were 37 Resolutions and 2 Supplementary Resolutions to deal with. These were discussed in Caucus and decisions were agreed on by the delegates and we voted on all issues.

With the amount of Resolutions to deal with, I believe it was necessary to send our Delegates and I believe it was worth the expense to go. The information obtained about a Convention and about the workings of our Association is invaluable and I believe all Members could learn from this experience.

Decisions regarding future Conventions will again need to be decided by the Members.

I hope this report is of some help to the Members.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Rae Roberts

I recently received another email from Mr. Johan Moore ypres.salinet@hotmail.com who lives in Ypres Salient, Belgium. This gentleman is an avid World War 1 buff and researcher who roams the military cemeteries in this region taking pictures of headstones as requested by surviving relatives of Canadian and Commonwealth Forces who were killed in or near Flanders Fields.

Johan has a website www.ypres-salient.com that you can go to for reference and information regarding the above. You can also request personal or group tours of World War 1 battlefields in France and Belgium that he can set up for you. In his website there is a section called 'FOOTSTEPS'.....1914-1918 Trace Your Fallen Heroes. In this section you can view and read items such as War Diaries, Hallowed Ground, Putting a Face to a Name, Realized Footsteps-Read their Stories.

If you have a relative who fought in Belgium or France during the 'Great War', Johan is more than happy to locate and send you a picture of the headstone, cemetery, and an account of your relations' footsteps.

This is a free service from Johan for the relatives of those who did not return home. Please contact him for personal enquiries or just to thank him for this wonderful service to our Country's fallen heroes and their descendents.

As our newsletter reports next month will relate to our most recent Dominion Convention and a yearend report, I would at this time like to thank in advance those members who will be joining me at the various school Remembrance Services. This year we again attend and participate at: Lincoln Middle School, Ness Middle School, Westwood Collegiate, and John Taylor Collegiate. These wonderfully generous volunteers include Lt. Col. (Ret'd) James Popplow, Provincial Sgt-at-Arms Barry Burns, Unit 283 Sgt-at-Arms Gord Kent, Colour Party members Sheldon Clupp, Syd Stamper, Dave Walker and Ed Czuczvara.

Although I am unable to attend our Unit's Remembrance Day Service, I will be joining Command Sgt-at-Arms Barry Burns, Command

Colour Party and our number one World War 11 Veteran Rennie Goselin at the Convention Centre. Rennie will be in his original army battle dress and will lead off the Torch Ceremony. We will join our comrades back at Unit 283 following these services.

An annual request to my fellow comrades: We, as an organization (ANAVETS), desperately need your help and participation at either carrying colours or marching in upcoming parades and ceremonies now and throughout the year, not only at the Unit level, but also at Command events. ANAVETS, being the senior Veterans organization in Canada, does carry the responsibility of leading all veteran parades and special functions throughout the country. To continue this we need to add numbers to our dwindling ranks. Again, if we do not attain this goal, we will eventually be lost in the shuffle. Consider if you are only able to attend one or two events annually, either in-house or in veteran parades, comrades, that would be greatly appreciated and acknowledged. Please do not worry if you feel a bit rusty in your marching, we can help you with a bit of easy training.

Thank you comrades. Your Unit and Provincial Command greatly appreciate you considering this important matter. Those of you at present who have or are without association dress and would be willing to participate, I thank you. Please leave your name and phone number at your home Unit and we will be in touch.

Members in hospital, care facilities or home:

Oakview

Tom Muirhead
W.C. Anderson
Les Wallace
Jim Johnson

Kiwanis Courts

Ron Davison

Golden West

Alma Brett

Grace Hospice

Art Mayer



In Remembrance



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM*

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