



Saskatchewan Command

51st PROVINCIAL CONVENTION



"Walking Together, Into The Future"

**The Royal Canadian Legion
Saskatchewan Command
Melfort, SK
October 21-24, 2022**

**OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE
VETERANS,
WHICH INCLUDES
SERVING MILITARY AND
RCMP MEMBERS,
AND THEIR FAMILIES,
TO PROMOTE REMEMBRANCE
AND TO SERVE OUR
COMMUNITIES
AND OUR COUNTRY.**





**IMPORTANT
REMINDER!**

**PLEASE DO NOT
FORGET TO BRING
THIS BOOK TO
CONVENTION.**

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A message from His Honour The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

It is my pleasure to extend greetings on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, to everyone gathered in Melfort for the 51st Biennial Convention of the Royal Canadian Legion – Saskatchewan Command. Her Majesty is celebrating her Platinum Jubilee in 2022 marking seventy years as our sovereign. The Queen's service and commitment are characteristics members of the Royal Canadian Legion share.

I strongly support the important work of the Legion throughout our province, and it is a privilege to be associated with your organization as Honorary Patron. My family enjoys a special bond with the Legion as I served 36 years with the RCMP, and my wife Donna's father and uncles were veterans of the Second World War. We are extremely grateful to the members of the Royal Canadian Legion for providing vital assistance to deserving veterans and for promoting remembrance of the fallen. Donna and I welcome invitations to visit your Branches to see first-hand the good work you are doing in our communities and to engage with your members.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your service, and my very best wishes for a productive and enjoyable convention.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Russ Mirasty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Russ Mirasty
Lieutenant Governor
Province of Saskatchewan



A message from Comrade Bruce Julian

Dominion President The Royal Canadian Legion

Dear Comrades,

On behalf of Dominion Command, I wish you an enjoyable and productive gathering in Melfort, SK as you consider important resolutions designed to guide, improve, and modernize the Legion.

Although the past few years have been very difficult, we admire the tenacity, flexibility, and ingenuity your Branches have shown to survive in the face of widespread uncertainty. We salute your leaders and other dedicated volunteers for being there to help support members and neighbours.

As you meet in this pleasant "City of Northern Lights" you will play a crucial role in the democratic process that is the backbone of the Legion's member-driven structure. You will help design the future. You will help unite us all in our shared mission to serve military and RCMP Veterans and their families.

I am confident your contributions at this convention will help your Command continue delivering a standard of service that meets the changing needs of our Veterans and members.

I am proud of your accomplishments to date and look forward to forging ahead, together.

Enjoy your convention!

In comradeship,

Bruce Julian
Dominion President



A message from Comrade Keith Andrews
Provincial President
The Royal Canadian Legion
Saskatchewan Command

Comrades,

It is my pleasure to present my report on behalf of your Provincial Executive Council, and bring you their greetings in welcoming you to our 51st Provincial Convention.

The Theme of our Convention is “Walking together, into the Future”. This reflects the fact of our concern, sadness, and restrictions are slowly fading into the past and we are now looking ahead to a time where we are able to meet at our branches, hold meetings, and do what we always do which is looking after our Veterans, their families and our communities.

I am pleased to say that during the Covid-19 lock-downs and restrictions, although many of our branches suffered greatly, we did not have one branch close due to Covid-19. We had aid come from the Government of Canada, Province of Saskatchewan, The Royal Canadian Legion, and Dominion Command that helped with much needed repairs, utilities and other bills.

Our branch doors may have been closed to the public and had severe restrictions placed on them for attendance but many found ingenious means to keep in contact with their members and the public. From drive by meals for special occasions like Thanksgiving and Easter, virtual meetings, and virtual Remembrance Day celebrations

Our Saskatchewan Command Service Officers have been very busy serving Veterans via phone or face to face with social distancing. Branch Service Officers have also been very busy helping veterans and putting them into contact with our Command Service Officers when they required more technical assistance.

We must remember our fallen Comrades and those that are suffering from physical and mental injuries that need our aid.

You will hear much more regarding our Membership, Poppy, Sports, and our financial status when you have a chance to read the report, so I will not dwell on them now.

I close with something we need to remember, “Walking together, into the Future”.

Proposed Agenda

(Subject to change at the discretion of the Chairperson)

Friday, October 21, 2022

12:00pm – 8:00pm – Registration for all delegates at the Melfort Legion Branch – Corvette Room

3:00pm – 5:00pm – Pre-Convention Council Meeting

Noon – 10:00pm – Meet and Greet Social at Legion Lounge – Dieppe Room

Saturday, October 22, 2022

9:00am – 12:00pm – Final Registration for all delegates at the Melfort Legion Branch – Corvette Room

9:00am – 12:00pm – Seminar on Membership

2:00pm – Parade and Cenotaph Service - Form up at Northern Lights Arena

3:00pm – Official Opening Ceremony – Kerry Vickar Centre Theatre

5:00pm – Social at the Melfort Legion Branch Corvette and Dieppe Rooms

Sunday, October 23, 2022

8:00am – Whips meeting – Swartout Hall – Kerry Vickar Centre

8:30am – Business sessions open – Swartout Hall – Kerry Vickar Centre

- Call to Order
- Invocation – Chaplain
- Procedures Report – Peter Piper (PG 9)
- Welcome Address – Introduction of Head Table and Guests – Provincial President Keith Andrews
- Local Arrangements Committee Report – LAC Chair John Wade
- Final Credentials Committee Report – Chad Wagner (PG 112)
- Roll Call – Peter Piper (PG 112)
- Provincial President – Keith Andrews (PG 20)
- Resolutions Committee – Peter Piper (PG 25)
- Provincial Executive Director – Chad Wagner (PG 15)
- Ways and Means Committee – Keith Andrews (PG 36)
 - Includes 2021 Financial Audit

10:00am – **Nominations open**

10:15am – **Coffee break**

- Dominion Representative Address – Brian Weaver, Dominion Vice-President
- Veterans Affairs Canada Address
- Invited Guests Address (Other Commands, American Legion)
- Constitution and Laws Committee – Peter Piper (PG 56)
- RCEL Report – Brian Weaver, Dominion Vice President
- Provincial Past President – Lorne Varga (PG 18)

11:45pm – **Lunch**

1:15pm – **Reconvene**

Nominations open

Elections

Reports Continued

- Other Guest Presentations (Fenety, PIB, Thomega, other)
- Provincial First Vice President – Carol Pedersen (PG 59)
- Provincial Vice President – Roberta Taylor (PG 61)
- Provincial Vice President – Nathan Hofmeister (PG 63)
- Provincial Chairman – Peter Piper (PG 65)
- Poppy Report – Carol Pedersen (PG 66)
- Veterans Service and Seniors Committee – Lavern Sobus (PG 70)
 - Includes Veterans Programs
- Provincial Service Officer – Paul Valiquette and Kim Douglas (PG 73)
- Youth Committee – Patti Paul (PG 75)
- Caucus Rooms

4:00pm – **Adjourn**

5:30pm – Banquet – Melfort Legion Hall (cocktails served at 5:30pm)

- Location may change pending numbers

Monday, October 24, 2022

8:30am – Business sessions reconvene – Swartout Hall – Kerry Vickar Centre

- Call to Order
- Invocation – Chaplain
- Local Arrangements Committee final report

Nominations open

Elections

- Leadership Committee – Keith Andrews (PG 77)
- Sports Committee – Roberta Taylor (PG 80)
- Ritual, Awards and Protocol – Lorne Varga (PG 85)

10:15am – Coffee Break

- Honorary Officers – Keith Andrews (PG 17)
- Building Report – Keith Andrews (PG 86)
- Membership Committee – Carol Pedersen (PG 89)
- Public Relations – Roberta Taylor (PG 91)

11:45pm – Lunch

1:15pm – Reconvene

- District 1 Commander – Darrell Webster (PG 93)
- District 2 Commander – Sharon Erickson (PG 95)
- District 3 Commander – Patti Paul (PG 96)
- District 4 Commander – Allan Hodgson (PG 100)
- TVS/TVA Representative – Clarence Paul (PG 101)
- Non-Concurred Resolutions (PG 103)
- Unfinished Business
- New Business

2:00pm – Coffee Break

- Installation of Honorary Officers
- Installation of Officers
- Official Closing of Convention
- March off the Colours

Adjourn

Parade

Order of Parade

- Saturday, October 22, 2022
- Parade will assemble at the Northern Lights Arena parking lot at 1:50pm and will move off at 2:00pm to the Cenotaph.
- The Cenotaph Service will be held at the Melfort Cenotaph.

Cenotaph Service

- Parade arrives and forms up around the Cenotaph.
- Parade Commander turns parade over to Chaplain.
- National Anthem
- Prayer by Chaplain
- Last Post
- Silence
- Lament
- Rouse (Reveille)
- Act of Remembrance
- Deposit of wreaths
- Benediction – Order Arms
- Parade Commander takes over parade and moves to Northern Lights Arena

Order of March

- Provincial Command Colour Party will form up at the head of the parade (behind a police car escort).
- RCMP, Command Officers, Past Presidents and guests will fall in behind the Provincial Command Colour Party.
- Veterans and members will fall in with District 4 leading as the Host District followed by Districts 1, 2 and 3 in that order on their marker. The District Commanders will head their respective District which will be led by the Branch Colour Parties of that District.
- Each District Commander will detail one marker to report to the Parade Commander by 1:40pm.
- Militia Personnel, Cadet Corps and other service organizations wishing to march will each send one marker to the Parade Commander and they will be formed to follow District 4 as the Parade Commander directs.
- The Parade Commander will direct where the band will fall in.

Saluting Base

- The Saluting Base will be encountered on the parade route as we exit the cenotaph.
- There will be a marker both fore and aft of the Saluting Base for the eyes right and eyes front.
- Markers for the Saluting Base will be detailed by the Parade Commander.

Dismissal

- Legion Colour Party
- Dignitaries
- Band
- Parade

Subject to change by the Parade Commander

Opening Ceremony

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2022

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Kerry Vickar Centre in the Theater

Programs for the Opening Ceremony will be available in the Theater.

Convention Procedure

- The Convention procedure for business sessions will be as follows:
- The Provincial Command Colours will be marched on at the Official Opening of the Convention and will not be retired until the business of the Convention has been completed. When the Provincial Command Colours have been deposited, the Convention is in session.
- Delegates shall sit in the allotted space for each District.
- Observers shall sit in the allotted space at the back of the hall and NOT in their District seating area.
- The District Commanders will oversee their respective Districts and be responsible for the actions of their delegates in Convention.
- The District Commanders will appoint a Whip and Deputy Whip who will be responsible for the speaking procedure of their District delegates and counting of votes on a challenged vote.
- The Chair will not recognize any delegate not brought to his attention by the Whip or Deputy Whip. Officers and platform guests are to request use of the microphone through the Chairperson.
- Anyone wishing to speak, shall rise and address the Provincial Chairman through the appointed Whip. He shall wait until he is recognized and shall have his name and branch stated by the Whip before speaking further.
- The business sessions of the Convention will commence at a time established by the Convention Agenda and any change will require a majority vote of the delegates.
- The Chairpersons of Committees, submitting reports to the Convention will be available at the time stated in the Convention agenda.
- The Chairperson will consider any request from a District Commander to delay reporting to the Convention, on any subject that he/she feels should be first discussed in caucus.
- District Commanders discuss, in caucus, resolutions or reports which may be contentious, to reduce discussion time in Convention and to inform their District delegates of the intent and purpose of any resolution or report which is not self-explanatory.
- When an amendment to the amendment is carried, the main resolution shall be submitted, as amended by the amendment to the amendment, for confirmation.
- When an amendment is carried, the main resolution as amended, will be submitted again to the Convention, for approval or otherwise.
- A motion to refer a specific resolution to Committee shall mean, to the specific Committee appointed following the Convention.
- The question on a resolution when it is put to the Convention shall be on the adoption of the resolution.

- The Chair requests permission to deal with non-contentious matters as circumstances permit. This is requested to enable the elimination of waiting time between business and to dispense with matters which do not seriously affect the business of the Convention.
- If the Chair's ruling is challenged, the Whips shall take an immediate vote count of their Districts - sustained or not sustained.
- Speakers representing Governmental Departments addressing the Convention shall not be subjected to questions other than those of general information, but, speakers, if necessary, shall be requested to be available at the end of the session to discuss individual questions of any delegate desiring information.
- Motion to adjourn is not debatable, cannot be amended, requires seconding.

Proposed Procedure for Nominating and Voting

Sunday, October 23, 2022 – 10:00am – Nominations will be declared open for the following offices:

- President
- First Vice President
- Two Vice Presidents
- Chairman

Sunday, October 23, 2022 – 1:00pm – Nominations will re-open for the above offices, with elections of the following to take place immediately after nominations:

- President
- First Vice President

Monday, October 24, 2022 – 8:30am – Nominations will be declared open for the following offices, with elections to follow:

- Two (2) Vice Presidents
- Chairman

For any nomination to be received, the person nominated must be in the Convention Hall at the time the nomination is made or to have signified in writing that he or she is prepared to accept the nomination.

**Nomination papers are available at each District Commander's table.
Nominations are not considered complete until the Chairman receives the completed,
signed nomination sheet**

Please remember that observers/non-voting delegates must be seated in the designated area at the back of the Convention Hall always during Convention business, and not amongst the voting delegates on the floor.

Instructions for Voting

- Only accredited delegates on the floor can vote.
- Ballots have been issued to each accredited delegate.
- Ballots are issued only to those entitled to them, according to the RECORDS of the Credentials Committee.
- The method of voting will be to place the name or names of the candidate to be voted for on the appropriate numbered ballot, as instructed by the Elections Officer.
- The Local Arrangements Committee will provide 8 volunteer scrutineers who will collect the ballots when marked and return them to a specially prepared receptacle.
- The Chief Scrutineer, with the appointed volunteer scrutineers, will count the ballots checking with the report of the Credentials Committee.
- The vote will be counted in a room separate from the Convention Floor.
- The Chief Scrutineer will complete an election return form and report the result of the ballot to the Elections Chairman without disclosing the count.
- Except for the offices of Vice President, only one office will be balloted on at a time.
- When balloting is for the election of more than one officer, delegates may vote for up to, but not more than, the number of officers to be elected.
- Except when voting for Vice Presidents, a delegate may not vote more than once on the ballot for any candidate.
- The General By-Laws make no provision for the transfer of credentials from one delegate to another. Anyone leaving the Convention before its conclusion cannot transfer his credentials or ballots to another delegate.
- Once the Elections Chairman has instructed the Sgt. At Arms to tile the doors, no one will be allowed to re-enter the Convention Floor.
- Only the Elections Chairman will declare the results of the elections.
- Ballot books issued to you on registration cannot be replaced, please safeguard them always.
- Please verify that your ballot book is complete and consecutively numbered.

Print your name clearly on the outside of your Ballot Book

Duties of Whips and Deputy Whips

- The Whip and their Deputy are to meet with the Chairperson at 8:00 am. Sunday morning in front of the Convention platform.
- The Whip's prime purpose is to maintain control and discipline amongst delegates in their District.
- To assist the Provincial Chairperson to enforce proper parliamentary procedures during the business sessions.
- To ensure that only the properly registered voting delegates are seated in the designated District area and to ensure the delegates maintain adequate security of their Convention kit.
- The Whip or Deputy must be on duty and available all the time the Convention is in session.
- The Whip will control speakers at the microphone. They are responsible for ensuring the microphones have power or charged batteries
- When a delegate wishes to speak, the Whip must first obtain recognition from the Chairperson (white card), wait his turn, then clearly introduce the speaker, indicating at the same time the matter upon which that person wishes to speak.
- The Whip is responsible for ensuring that delegates receive copies of material distributed during the Convention.
- To use good judgment in allowing a delegate to interrupt proceedings on Points of Order or Privilege and to ensure the delegates do not discuss their personal problems on the floor.
- The Whip is responsible in ensuring notices are passed to the Chairperson on announcements of caucus meetings and ensuring his delegates know where their caucus rooms are located.
- The Whip and Deputies will carry out the directions of the Chairperson as and when called upon to do so.
- Observers must sit at the rear of the Convention hall in their designated area and not with their own Districts. Whips are to ensure that this is carried out.

Caucus Meetings

The Command Chairman will announce this on the Convention Floor and are always held immediately after the conclusion of the first day of business.

ALL DELEGATES must attend their District Caucuses for the following reason:

- The District Commander may want to relay important information to the branches in his/her District.
- The Delegates of the District may want to ask questions of their District Commander or voice a concern.
- For a non-concurred resolution to come back to the Convention Floor, approval must be obtained from the District Caucus.
- Candidates running for Office may want to visit the District Caucuses and speak to the Delegates.

Speaker Cards and Uses

White Card: Speak

To be used by the Whip for the delegate to obtain clarification or additional information on matters before the Chair, or of interest to the delegates.

Yellow Card: Point of Order

To be used when a delegate wishes to direct the Chair to some matter which they consider out of order.

Red Card: Point of Privilege

To be used when the Chair is directed to some conduct or items not in the best interest of the Convention.

Note: Points of Order and Privilege must be used in keeping with good judgement and are not to be misused to obtain the floor on frivolous matters.

Provincial Executive Council 2019-2022

Provincial President	Keith Andrews Beechy, Sask.
Provincial Past President	Lorne Varga Unity, Sask.
Provincial 1st Vice President	Carol Pedersen Star City, Sask.
Provincial Vice President	Roberta Taylor Oxbow, Sask.
Provincial Vice President	Nathan Hofmeister Regina, Sask.
Provincial Chairman	Peter Piper Stoughton, Sask.

District Commanders

District No. 1	Darrell Webster Melville, Sask.
District No. 2	Sharon Erickson Moose Jaw, Sask.
District No. 3	Patti Paul Saskatoon, Sask.
District No. 4	Alan Hodgson Nipawin, Sask.
Provincial TVS Representative	Clarence Paul Saskatoon, Sask.

Office Staff

Provincial Executive Director	Chad Wagner
Provincial Service Officers	Kimberley Douglas & Paul Valiquette
Provincial Finance Officer	Desirae Duquette
Provincial Administrative Assistant	Tara Brown

District & Zone Commanders & Deputies 2022

District No. 1

District Commander – Darrell Webster, Melville, Sask.

Deputy District Commander - Ray Coderre, Stoughton, Sask.

	Zone Commander	Deputy Zone Commander
Zone 1	Nedra Clark – Carlyle, Sask.	Craig Bird - Estevan, Sask.
Zone 2	Leila Hoffmeister – Regina, Sask.	Don Bourassa– Weyburn, Sask.
Zone 3	Brian Morris – Melville, Sask.	Trevor Bancarz – Melville, Sask.
Zone 4	Patricia Ohnander – Stockholm, Sask.	Ross Corkish – Wawota, Sask.

District No. 2

District Commander – Sharon Erickson, Moose Jaw, Sask.

Deputy District Commander – Kris Olson – Assiniboia, Sask.

	Zone Commander	Deputy Zone Commander
Zone 1	Kris Olson – Assiniboia, Sask.	Rita Walters – Assiniboia, Sask.
Zone 2	Walter Arnold – Maple Creek, Sask.	Lester Nickel – Maple Creek, Sask.
Zone 3	Cecile Andrews – Beechy, Sask.	David Burke – Kindersley, Sask.
Zone 4	Barry Young – Moose Jaw, Sask.	Kyle Van Den Bosch – Central Butte, Sask.

District No. 3

District Commander – Patti Paul, Saskatoon, Sask.

Deputy District Commander – Wayne Goldsworthy, Saskatoon, Sask.

	Zone Commander	Deputy Zone Commander
Zone 1	Marguerite Wolfe – Saskatoon, Sask.	Rodney Holowaty – Saskatoon, Sask.
Zone 2	Lorne Kohlman – Macklin, Sask.	Stan Pitura – Kerrobert, Sask.
Zone 3	Lucy Wallace – Lloydminster Sask.	Shelley McMurphy – Turtleford, Sask.
Zone 4	Fay Bruyninckx – Canwood Sask.	Leslie McFarlane – Battleford, Sask.

District No. 4

District Commander – Alan Hodgson, Nipawin, Sask.

Deputy District Commander – Colin Riese, Prince Albert Sask.

	Zone Commander	Deputy Zone Commander
Zone 1	Halley Hilts – Foam Lake, Sask	Eugene DesRoches - Kelvington, Sask.
Zone 2	Karen Tyacke – Lumsden, Sask.	VACANT
Zone 3	Brenda Cripps – Prince Albert, Sask.	Tracy Lubyk– Smeaton, Sask.
Zone 4	Rodger Pedersen – Star City, Sask.	David Propp – Codette, Sask.

Honourary Officers

Honourary Patron

His Honour, The Honourable Russ Mirasty
Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

Honourary President

Dick (M.C.) Wells

Honourary Vice President

Ken Box

Honourary Solicitor

Keith Prior

Honourary Chaplains

Deacon Michael Jackson
Captain Glenna Cryderman

Provincial Past Presidents

<p>*James McAra 1926-27</p> <p>*P. Carrothers 1927-28</p> <p>*M.A. MacPherson 1929</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*A. Ross 1930-34</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*P.J. Philpott 1934-35</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*E.C. Leslie 1935-37</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*Len Chase 1937-38</p> <p>*R.D. Roberts 1938</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*Will Walker 1939-43</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*E.S. Wilson 1943-45</p> <p>*W.W. Whelan 1946-47</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*W.A. Embury 1947-48</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*F.F. Freeman 1948-51</p> <p>*Frank Mather 1951-53</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*A.C. Bole 1953-55</p> <p>*Mervyn Woods 1955-59</p> <p>*H. Austin Hunt 1957-59</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*C.V. Batchelor 1959-60</p> <p>* Robert Kohaly 1961-62</p> <p>*R.J. Sanderson 1963</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*S.G. Sylvestre 1963-65</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*W.K. Dawley 1965</p> <p>*D.E. Johnston 1965-67</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*E.E. Gould 1967-69</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*J.L. Clarke 1969-71</p>	<p>*Harold Hague 1972-73</p> <p>*S.J. Szarkowicz 1973-75</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*Ian Dryden 1975-77</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*D.C. Bayliss 1977-79</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*D.P. Hamilton 1979-81</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*F.J.W. Sinclair 1981-83</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*L.H. Morrison 1983-85</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*Jim Marjoram 1985-87</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*John Norfield 1987-89</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">*Art Gray 1989-91</p> <p>*Jack Anderson 1991-93</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*Bill Barclay 1993-95</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*Frank Broome 1995-97</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ray Marjoram 1997-99</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Pat Varga 1999-01</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*Elmer Noble 2001-03</p> <p>*John Henderson 2003-05</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*Frank Simpson 2005-07</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">John Pott 2007-09</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Peter Piper 2009-11</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Brent Wignes 2011-13</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dick (M.C.) Wells 2013-15</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Ken Box 2015-17</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Lorne Varga 2017-19</p>
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*** Deceased**

Saskatchewan Provincial Command

Last Post

It is with regret that we record the names of Officers of our Command, of which we are aware, that have passed on since our last Provincial Convention OR prior to that and were not published in a previous Provincial Convention booklet.

Please take a moment to remember the following Comrades:

Harold Hague	Past Provincial President
John Henderson	Past Provincial President
Beverly Bzdel-Kitzul	Past Deputy Zone Commander
Wayne Reinson	Past Deputy Zone Commander
Bud O'Connor	Past Zone Commander
Lloyd Thompson	Past Zone Commander

PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Comrades,

Here is my President's report for the period of October 21, 2019, to June 2022. Due to Covid-19 it covers a 3-year span rather than 2 years as normal.

After my election at Moose Jaw, I returned to Regina on October 25, 2019, to present the First Poppy to The Lieutenant Governor and the second to Her Honour Mrs. Mirasty in honour of her Father and 3 uncles who served Canada during WW2. Following that I had lunch with the staff and discussed with Chad things we needed to do immediately such as signing authorities etc. and things that needed to be done soon new committees and preparing for the PEC meeting in December.

2019

November 1, I attended the Remembrance Service in Tompkins where I presented Comrade Dick (M.C.) Wells with his MSM.

November 21 to 25, I attended the DEC Meeting in Ottawa where I was sworn into Dominion Executive Council.

December 4, I traveled to Swift Current where I met with my new Leadership Committee, and we sat down and came up with a plan to finally set up a program to go out and hold meetings with the Comrades and present the needed information to aid them to be able to get an idea of how their Branches should operate and what our protocols are.

December 5 to 8 Ways and Means and PEC Meetings in Regina.

2020

January 9 to 10 to Regina meet with Auditor regarding our 2019 Audit and met with the designer regarding the design of our new Building also Ron Hitchcock Regina Branch #001.

January 30 to 31 to Regina to Meet with Chad regarding the Leadership Seminar on the 31st. Remarks from attendees were very good and we are prepared to move ahead.

February 8 to Melfort #30 met with Chad and 1st Vice Carol Pederson.

February 9 1st Leadership Seminar was well received and good attendance.

February 14 to Regina met with Chad and Bill Neher (designer) regarding plans and the general contractor. Then on to Stoughton for 2nd Leadership Seminar.

February 15 2nd Leadership Seminar was well attended and good questions and answer period.

February 28 to March 1 to Battleford for 3rd Leadership Seminar.

February 29 Meeting well attended and good questions and answers.

March 1 4th Leadership Seminar in Swift Current. Started in a blizzard but was well attended and mostly good questions home in sunshine.

March 7, we went to Tompkins for Comrade Judy Wells' funeral. Good Friend and loyal Legionaire; Sadly missed.

March 13 Teleconference with DEC regarding Covid- 19 Emergency

March 17 Teleconference regarding PAWS.

April 2 DEC Legion Grants for Branches.

April 3 District 2 Zone 3 Rally, Beechy.

April 4 District 2 Zone 2 Rally, Swift Current.

April 14 Sk Command Audit and staffing meetings.

June 6 - 7 DEC Spring Council via Zoom.

June 13 Sk Command Spring Council Meeting by Zoom.

July 6 Sk Command VSS Meeting in Regina.

July 23 Zoom with FP Genetics regarding setting up a seed naming program. Keith, Nathan, Chad, and Chris Churko (FP).

August 13 to 14 to Lloydminster for meeting with Branch Executive.

August 16 to 17 to Melfort #30 for Pre-Convention Meeting.

August 25 to 26 to Lloydminster for Branch #39 General Meeting and elections.

September 19 District 2 Zone 2 Rally in Swift Current.

September 20 District 2 Zone 3 Rally in Beechy.

October 6 Attended the funeral for Comrade Jim MacCullough WW2 Veteran, D Day and French Honour of Valour in Rosetown.

October 29 Presented the First Poppy Virtually to Lieutenant Governor and he presented the Second to Comrade Paul Valiquette.

November 11 attended Virtual Remembrance Service from Beechy Branch.

November 28 to 29 DEC Zoom Fall Council Meeting.

December 1 Sk Command reviewing Federal Grant applicants Keith and Chad.

December 7 Sk Command Zoom Personnel Committee Keith, 1st Vice Carol and Staff Chad.

December 12 Sk Zoom Fall Council Meeting.

2021

Jan 8, I decided I needed a bit of a holiday, so I took a trip to Saint Paul's Hospital for 6 weeks and Outlook Hospital for 2 more weeks.

April 27 Sk Command Ways and Means Zoom Keith, 1st Vice Carol Vice Roberta and Nathan, as well as staff Chad and Desirae.

May 15 Sk Command Spring Meeting Zoom.

June 3 Sk Command VSS and Poppy.

June 26 District 2 Rally Swift Current election of Commanders.

July 20 DEC Convention Meeting.

July 27 Dedication of Pedestal at Regina Cenotaph.

August 12 DEC Pre-Convention Meeting.

August 13 to 15 DEC Convention Workshops

August 16 DEC Post Convention Meeting.

August Sk. Command Scholarship and Bursary Meeting Teleconference

September 1 I was notified that Comrade Donald Couch WW2 RCAF Veteran served in Burma had passed away. We attended his funeral September 4 in Lucky Lake.

October 12 DEC Sports Meeting Zoom

October 29 Regina for Presentation of First Poppy to Lieutenant Governor

November 11 Beechy Virtual Remembrance Day Service

November 27 had 1st Vice Carol attend DEC in Ottawa for me.

December 2 to 5 Regina for Fall Council Personnel and Ways and Means Meetings followed by Council Meeting.

2022

February 2 to 4 Pre-Convention trip and Meeting with Branch #30 in Melfort. Keith 1st Vice Carol and staff Chad and Tara.

February 10 DEC Sports Committee at Large Meeting Zoom.

March 12 travel to Rosetown #66 to support Herschel Branch #007 closing.

April 3 District 2 Zone 4 Rally in Central Butte elections.

April 9 District 2 Zone 2 Rally in Abbey elections.

April 10 District 2 Zone 3 Rally in Elrose elections.

April 12 Ways and Means Zoom.

April 24 District 3 Rally in Kerrobert Small turnout 1 Branch attending, elections.

April 29 to May 2 fly to Ottawa for DEC Spring Council Meeting.

May 7 District 2 Rally and election Swift Current.

May 12 to 15 Regina Spring Council Meeting.

May 15 District 2 Zone 1 Rally Assiniboia elections.

May 30 DEC Sports Track and Field update Zoom.

June 1 SK Command Budget Meeting Council Zoom.

June 4 Outlook Veterans Memorial Park Opening, Excellent program and well done.

June 6 Elrose to congratulate First Place Senior Essay Winner at School Awards Ceremony and visit their Cenotaph.

June 7 SK Command Strategic Plan preliminary meeting Zoom.

June 12 District 3 Rally and election Saskatoon.

This list does not include the at least 18 DEC and 21 SK Command Teleconference and Zoom Meetings I have had. There are many other calls that are not included as well. My computer mailbox is also full of texts, minutes of meetings and Branch problems.

Comrade Chad and I usually speak at least 2 or 3 times a week but on occasion it has been as many as 5 or 6 a day if there is something that needs to be addressed now.

Comrade Chad and I reviewed all the applications for the 3 Dominion Command Grant tranches. We also reviewed the applications for the Federal Grant. Comrade Lorne is still on the Provincial Veterans Service Club Grant.

I am extremely pleased to note that we have not lost any Branches due to Covid thanks to the excellent job our branches are doing plus the financial support that the Grants did to help keep them afloat during the time they could not open their doors or operate any business from their premises.

I have asked 1st Vice President Carol Pederson to attend the Alberta Convention and Past President Ken Box to attend the Montana Convention. Thank you to both Comrades for stepping in for me. I was going to attend the BC and Manitoba Conventions but unfortunately was not able to make it after all.

I am quite concerned as is our Saskatchewan Command and Dominion Command Sports Committees that we have gone now for 3 years without our Sports programs. This has been the reason that many members became Legion Members and several of them are now non-renewals. Can we get them back? I certainly hope so, but it is going to require a lot of work and perhaps ingenuity to get the results we are looking for.

On the good side our Dominion Track and Field is going ahead this year and hopefully we will have a good number from Saskatchewan attending.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Command from all the Branches and their hard-working Members, you make us strong. Thank you to our fantastic Service Officers for their great work with veterans.

Thanks to the Members of Council for the many hours you put in as Council Members and Committee Members. Without you and your dedication for all we do, it would not be possible

To our staff thanks for all the times you have come up with the information I needed when I needed it and had a smile to help when things were not going well. You are the best.

To my wife Cecile I couldn't have done what I did without your support when I had my health problems and then when you were my chauffeur and gave me encouragement and gave of your many hours accompanying me over the many miles and meetings.

I so MOVE my report:

Keith Andrews President, Saskatchewan Command

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Comrades,

All resolutions have been forwarded to the Provincial Command Executive Director for distribution to, and consideration by, the various committees concerned.

Concurred resolutions will be handled and put to the Convention floor at the time when the committee reports are presented.

Motions to accept committee reports will not be put to the convention floor until all resolutions pertaining to the committee are presented for consideration. This includes any non-concurred resolutions which are requested to be brought back through District caucus procedure.

The procedure for handling of resolutions at Provincial Conventions is designated under Article IV, Section 7, of the Provincial By-Laws. It should be noted how and when non-concurred resolutions may be brought back to the convention for further consideration

This procedure is as follows:

Any accredited delegate or group of accredited delegates at their convention District caucus may request that a non-concurred resolution be brought back to the convention for further consideration. A majority vote of the District caucus delegates assembled, will be required for the non-concurred resolution to be presented to convention. A request to introduce the resolution shall be submitted in writing to the convention chairperson not later than 9:00 am. on the second business day of the Convention.

Request forms may be obtained from the Provincial Executive Director or Convention chairperson and must be signed by the District Commander or the District caucus chairperson. These conditions being complied with, the delegate or delegates requesting reconsideration of the non-concurred resolution must be prepared to present the resolution and speak to it, at the time allotted to give non-concurred resolutions consideration.

Unless otherwise stated, resolutions passed by convention will not become effective until January 1st, following the convention.

The Resolutions Committee would like to express its thanks and appreciation to Provincial Command Council members, the Provincial Executive Director and the Command Office Staff for their invaluable assistance and counsel that allowed this committee to fulfill its mandate.

This report is respectfully submitted, and its adoption is so moved.

Peter Piper
Provincial Chairperson
Resolutions Committee

Members: Keith Andrews - Provincial President, Chad Wagner - Prov. Executive Director

Handling of Non-Concurred Resolutions

If a resolution has been non-concurred, any accredited delegate may request that such resolution (emanating from within his/her own District) be presented to the Convention, subject to the conditions noted as follows:

- The request has the support of the majority vote of the caucus from that delegate's District, written certificate to the effect, signed by the District Commander or the chairperson of the caucus.
- The request to introduce such resolution has been submitted in writing on a form provided by Saskatchewan Command.
- The list of non-concurred resolutions which will be considered by the Convention is to be passed to the applicable Command Committee Chairperson for their review and study as soon as possible.
- When recognized by the Chairperson, the sponsoring District is responsible for moving and seconding the resolution.
- The Convention Chairperson is responsible to read the "be it resolved" portion and request that sponsoring District to speak to the resolution, that is, provide the reasons why the resolution should be adopted.
- The appropriate Command Committee Chairperson is to be requested to explain the reasons for non-concurrence by reading the committee comment and providing any amplification to this explanation that may be required prior to entertaining debate from the floor.

Late resolutions will not be dealt with by the Convention Chairperson, but will be forwarded to the new incoming Provincial Executive Council for their review and action as deemed necessary.

General Resolution #1

Resolution of Loyalty

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND, MEETING IN OUR 51st BIENNIAL CONVENTION, IN THE CITY OF MELFORT IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA, RENEW OUR PLEDGE OF DEVOTION AND LOYALTY TO HER GRACIOUS MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II, QUEEN OF THE REALM OF CANADA.

CONCURRED



General Resolution

RESOLUTION #2

Zone Meetings

WHEREAS: Legion zone meetings are often a long distance away because some of our branches are closing.

WHEREAS: We would like more attendance from all branches.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That all zone meetings start no later than 1 pm so that members can be home before dark.

Kindersley Branch #057, Carried at Branch and District

CONCURRED

General Resolution

RESOLUTION #3

Branch Reports

WHEREAS: Legion members are mostly volunteers who often have limited time to devote to Legion activities

WHEREAS: the goal of the Branch reports at Zone meetings is to share information, successes, and hardships of our neighboring branches and generate questions and conversations and these topics

WHEREAS: reading of the branch reports takes a considerable amount of time which leaves less time for discussion

WHEREAS: the technology exists to submit zone reports in advance of the zone meeting and have them sent out to all branches in advance so they may be read prior to the meeting

WHEREAS: having more time to digest these reports in advance of the meeting should lead to more thought out questions and advanced conversations

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the individual branch reports be submitted to the zone commander and redistributed by the zone commander to all neighboring branches for consideration prior to the zone meeting

Kindersley Branch #057, Carried at Branch and District

CONCURRED

PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Comrades,

It is with tremendous pride that I stand before you once again at our convention. Thank you all for attending here in the beautiful community of Melfort. The Local Arrangements Committee has been incredible to work with and I truly appreciate the time and effort that they have put into this weekend.

The past three years has really been a roller coaster ride. After the Convention in Moose Jaw the Command office really focused a lot of energy on networking and Veteran's Programs.

We faced many challenges along the way and the little thing called Covid hampered many efforts to expand our circle of friends and collaborations with other interest groups. This year, we have been able to pick up where we were forced to leave off. In 2022 we have been able to meet and work with some very interesting groups and developed some great relationships. One example is Diabetes Canada where 1 in 3 Canadians are impacted. Most likely the number is higher within the Veteran Community. Using a relationship like this, promoting wellness and encouraging people to be properly tested is beneficial for not only our members but also for Veterans and their families. Increasing our engagement with other community groups like the Saskatchewan First Nations Veterans Association, Respect Forum, Royal United Services Institute just to name a few.

Networking is vital as it brings awareness of similar and like issues that others are seeing and working collaboratively to overcome those barriers and challenges. We can all walk together.

It is also important that we work towards stronger diversity and inclusion within our organization. We should be welcoming to anyone who is willing to work with us and promote our Mission. This year we have increased our commitment to our First Nations and Metis Veterans. We have also made a commitment to support the African Canadian Heritage Museum who have ties to the 2nd Battalion in WWI. This Battalion was treated unfairly based on the colour of their skin. I urge everyone to read up on the history as it is important that we understand past wrongdoings regardless of the origin.

We are all truly stronger together. My goal with all these organizations is to be able to walk the same path rather than just the same direction, as the beloved Veteran Phillip Ledoux promoted.

Although our external partners have gained in numbers and in strength, one significant area where we all need to improve on, is internally. From members, to branches to Command. There is still some negative rhetoric out there. We all need to work together, for the common good. There is no room to hold grudges on something that happened 5,

10, 20 years ago. Regardless of which side of the fence you are on, accept responsibility for your actions, shake hands, hug it out, move forward. In comradeship.

During Covid the office functions still remained. Although many events were cancelled, the workload didn't really reduce all that much. The number of Veterans that we have helped increased and the number of calls in the office continues to rise. This is a reflection of the continued work that was required to be completed.

At the early stage of Covid we finished off a renovation to our new Command building and were able to move in. The first day in the new building was June 8, 2020. A few things I would like to point out for purposes of helping branches achieve similar objectives.

The renovation budget was tight as the amount of work that ended up being required was fairly significant. Thus, the need to be creative. We reached out to the local CO-OP hardware store through their Community Spaces Program. From that all of the interior paint was donated. This probably saved us around \$1000. A local flooring company was closing their doors, they had some tile left over and we were able to grab enough to cover both bathrooms, the lunchroom, the entryway, and the photocopier room. Cooperators graciously donated 3 workstations for our staff. Originally, they were trying to sell them on Facebook, but we asked if they would donate and just like that, we had 3 "new to us" desks. Prairie Mobility had started a renovation and so happen to have a desk and bookshelves that we were able to make use of, again for free, from an online ad trying to sell these items. There are a few other pieces that we landed including a reception bench from Hello Baby in Regina. There was someone selling carpet tile for less than half price as they had an overstock. We were able to grab that and carpet a majority of the office. The rest was reclaimed from the flooring before the reno. During troubled times (Covid), we just proved there are great people always willing to help. This is the heart of Saskatchewan.

Much like the Legion. When times are tough, the Legion stands stronger. Together.

Foot traffic into the new place has increased compared to the old building. Phone calls have also increased. Business as a whole has seen an uptick. We are reviewing more VAC claims on behalf of Veterans. Working with Veterans in need to ensure housing, food and other costs are managed. The work that the Provincial Service Officers have been doing is remarkable. We continually have discussion on how we can better serve Veterans. We talk about situations that can be complex and find creative measures to be successful.

We have paid a greater focus on advocacy as of late. We were successful in getting changes to the SGI Veterans Plates to be more inclusive. Last year I stood as a witness to the Veterans Affairs Standing Committee. I echoed statements from the other Legion members present but emphasized the need to provide treatment benefits immediately rather than waiting for a decision on compensation. Earlier this year, it was announced that Veterans who apply for Mental Health related injuries from service, are now eligible to receive treatment benefits upon applications for at least two years. If the decision

comes back that the injury is not related to service, the Veteran would not get compensation, however they will still get treatment for the two year period. This is a remarkable change. That came from us, the Legion. We are currently working on our Provincial Government to exempt the income from disability pensions from the calculation for Social Services. At the writing of this report, we have even written an appeal for one particular case, and we await the results.

We will advocate for individuals as well as the entire veteran community. As we continue to grow our network and work with other stakeholders, service groups, and other organizations we are gaining a stronger voice. This voice is making a difference.

The Legion is about Veterans, Remembrance and Community. This is a year-round mission. As Veterans are a high priority the other two pieces are still very important and they all need to work together. In June of this year, I found that there was a greater awareness of Decoration Day. Still much more can be done, and I urge all branches to partake. The Royal United Services Institute plans on running their Sentry Project again next year. If you wish to partake and have the honor to Stand Sentry, be sure to check it out. They had people from all over the place take part. Very Inspirational.

We are also advocating the Ministry of Education to push for Remembrance and military history to be a part of the Grade 10 curriculum and making it compulsory. If this happens it will greatly enhance our youth education programs including the Poster and Literary Contest.

Many things were cancelled over the past couple of years, such as sports, track and field and rallies. We are now back on track. In 2023 sports should be back in full force. To encourage participation Provincial Executive Council has waved the Provincial Registration Fees once again. Track and Field Camp is in the process of being put together. We are always looking for Chaperones. If anyone is interested let me know and we can add you to the list for the Committee to make use of.

We did partner with FP Genetics on a project to name varieties of seeds after Veterans. This is a very cool initiative. The first year was a bit hectic as we ended up having 3 times more new varieties than expected. It is a program we wish to continue into the future for as long as they wish. Check out the Sask Legion website for more information.

The Veterans Service Club grant is probably the biggest initiative we have undertaken in terms of dollar amount and how broad in scope it is. Initially it was \$100,000 per year but quickly became \$1.5 million. Largely in part due to the number of applications, the ease of administration, and ultimately the potential impact it has on communities. We have been able to fund many projects with this grant. From a back-up generator, interior renovations, roofs, accessibility, the list goes on. Please apply if you plan on doing anything like this. We want to ensure the grant continues each year, and the best way to do that, is to spend all of the funds available. A special thanks goes out to the adjudication committee who have worked at prioritizing projects and reviewing all the applications. The committee includes our Past Provincial President Lorne Varga, Anavets Provincial

President Rick Taylor, and Travis McLellan who is the Senior Policy Analyst for the Ministry of Sport, Culture and Recreation.

Fun fact, this is the same ministry that provides free hunting and fishing licenses to veterans and is also the people responsible for the lakes that are named after Veterans. Good friends of ours indeed.

For all the good work that is being done, there is a lot more that is needed. We live in an ever-changing society. The use of social media has provided us a platform for us to communicate with the public more and with ease. But it not without its own challenges. It also provides opportunity for people to criticize us. In some cases, it is warranted. In other cases, it allows people to say what they want without repercussions. We will not engage in theatrics or arguments online. It serves no purpose and will only make the situation worse. We must stand together. Take the high ground. Allow the truth and morals to ultimately prevail.

We must be welcoming to everyone, especially Veterans. Veterans come in all ages. We should not focus on one particular age group or ignore anyone who wishes to be a positive influence on our great organization.

I was not able to make it to the Montana Convention for the American Legion this year. A trip I look forward to each year as it brings great discussions and provides a viewpoint from another likeminded group. We often share ideas back and forth and many of them we have implemented here. They do very similar work and have very similar issues. Struggles with recruiting and retaining members, lack of volunteers, the need to advocate for Veterans. The list goes on. This is another opportunity to learn from them. What works, what doesn't. I would like to thank Ken and Donna Box for making their way out there this year. It would have been great to be there with them, but life takes strange turns at times, and you can't do it all. That being said, I did make sure I sent my annual contribution of 24 Canadian beer for the hospitality room. I look forward to continuing on the relationship and will hopefully be able to make the trip next year.

We all have some work to do. It can be achieved by working together. The pandemic tested us. It separated us. It made it so we could not be together as often as we needed. Moving forward, this needs to be our focus. Reinvigorating the comradery that was lost during these times. I will work with the incoming Council and President to find ways to communicate more effectively and to be more present within the branches.

I want to ensure of one thing before I close. Conventions are great. They are an opportunity for you to bring issues forward including resolutions. But sometimes we can't wait for a convention to make a positive change. If you have things you wish to bring up, if you have a concern, reach out. We are here for you.

Comrades, I cannot express enough, my gratitude to our Provincial Executive Council. They work tirelessly to make sure our programs are run and put on with the best intentions

of all members. The work they do as a volunteer is tremendous. Our Past Presidents are an incredible resource, thank you for being there when we need you.

Further to that, the staff of our Command. No words can truly express the love I have for them. Although a small group, it's a might force to reckon with. Thank you to each of you for what you bring to the office.

To the membership. Without you, we do not have the ability to carry on. Your dedication to serving Veterans is unmatched.

Lastly, To all Veterans. Thank you for pushing us to be better. We have been able to help many due to the discussions we have had, the advocating you do and the support you provide. We are here, because of you. Much respect.

I humbly request that someone move my report.

In Comradeship,

Chad Wagner
Provincial Executive Director

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

Comrades,

Your Ways and Means Committee has held a number of meetings over the past almost 3 years and topics of discussion have covered branches not returning their financial statements so they can be reviewed. Due to this and also other reasons we have had to place a number of branches under supervision and also some under trusteeship.

Our committee has also reviewed the Command Audit Statements and has sent them to our Provincial Executive Council for their approval and they are now being sent to you for your approval. We have also prepared and are forwarding budgets for 2023, 2024 and 2025 for your approval as we have had to change our Convention Schedule due to Dominion Command changing their schedules due to Covid-19.

Virtus Group has been our auditor for the last number of years and Saskatchewan Command has appointed them again, but it also needs to be approved at Convention

The Provincial Veterans Service Club Grant has been extended and the amount increased to 1.5 million dollars from \$100,000. The amount per application has been also increased from \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year. This grant is administrated by representatives of Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation, Army, Navy and Airforce Veterans, Saskatchewan Command, and our Executive Director. Our representatives are Past President Lorne Varga and our PED Chad Wagner. Our Command Office sends out and receives the applications plus writes the cheques for which we receive do charge and receive an administration fee.

Fenety Marketing is still producing our Military Service Recognition Book for us. Their funds paid to us has dropped from 2019 in the amount of \$181,000 by roughly 10%. So far this year the funds have been a bit slower coming in, this is due to the solicitation of funds being done a bit later than normal. To get away from Covid as much as we can, but still avoiding the Poppy Campaign. We really need more new pictures and write ups for the books.

The Military Service Recognition Book has bolstered our finances since its inception but due to Covid-19 it has dropped somewhat due to Fenety having problems with the timing of their calling for donations. They do not call now during the Poppy Campaign period. We have received calls and regarding if they are legitimate. You should contact your Branch and they should be able to help you find this out.

This Book has enabled Saskatchewan to go since 2001 without having a per capita increase so you can see how important your support is to our financial wellbeing.

Further and just as important is that we need to keep getting submissions of names pictures and a short bio of our Veterans to honour them. Many branches do not bother sending any of this in for inclusion in the book and this is not acceptable. They deserve better. On the good side I would like to Congratulate Outlook Branch #262 on the excellent job they do of searching for veteran's names bios and often grave sites. For the last number of years, they have gone out to many area cemeteries and performed a ceremony then placed a marker at the graveside of the veterans in that cemetery or assisted the family members to place the markers. They also forward the names, bio and picture if possible, to be put in the Recognition Book.

We have partnered with F.P. Genetics to have Veteran's names and bio connected to a new seed variety. For supplying them with the names and bio, Saskatchewan Command receives a \$25,000 donation which we use for Track and Field.

We are also exploring to see if we can work with other groups to enable better service to our Veterans. One group we have done some preliminary talks with is Diabetes Canada as many Veterans and members are suffering from diabetes. Is there some way we can work together to help our Veterans get better faster and more reliable treatment?

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for all the excellent work they have done for the Committee.

I would also like to thank our excellent staff Executive Director Chad Wagner, Finance Officer Desirae Duquette, Administrative Assistant Tara Brown, PSO's Paul Valiquette and Kimberly Douglas

I MOVE my report:

Keith Andrews

Saskatchewan Command President

Chair Ways and Means Committee

Committee Members:

1st Vice President Carol Pederson

Vice President Roberta Taylor

Vice President Nathan Hofmeister

Ways and Means Resolution

RESOLUTION #13

Ways and Means - PEC TVS BSO Expenses

WHEREAS: The TVS and BSO-OSI Branches of the Legion are an integral part of the Legion and represent a targeted group of veterans.

WHEREAS: Currently their expenses are not covered for attending Council meetings, conventions or other Council events yet they are permitted delegates.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Under Provincial Bylaws Article III (2), that the verbiage "at their own expense" be removed.

PEC, Carried at PEC Meeting

CONCURRED

Financial statements of
**THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION -
SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND**
Year ended December 31, 2021

Management's Responsibility for Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements of **The Royal Canadian Legion - Saskatchewan Command** have been prepared by the Legion's management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and necessarily include some amounts based on informed judgment and management estimates.

To assist management in fulfilling its responsibilities, a system of internal controls has been established to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are accurate and reliable and that assets are safeguarded.

The Executive Council has reviewed and approved these financial statements.

These financial statements have been examined by the independent auditors, **Virtus Group LLP**, and their report is presented separately.

Chad Wagner, Executive Director



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**To the Members,
The Royal Canadian Legion – Saskatchewan Command**

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **The Royal Canadian Legion – Saskatchewan Command** which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at December 31, 2021 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many non-profit organizations, the Organization derives revenues from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of revenue was limited to account for amounts recorded in the records of the organization. As a result, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary in respect of revenues, assets, liabilities or net assets.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Saskatchewan, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

May 14, 2022
Regina, Saskatchewan

VIRTUS GROUP LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND

Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2021, with comparative figures for 2020

	2021			2020		
	General Fund	Poppy Fund	Total	General Fund	Poppy Fund	Total
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash	\$ 159,952	\$ 314,364	\$ 474,316	\$ 150,869	\$ 269,783	\$ 420,652
Cash under administration	271,727	-	271,727	-	-	-
Accounts receivable	11,207	23,606	34,813	19,955	35,489	55,444
Prepaid expenses	2,707	-	2,707	1,893	-	1,893
Due (to) from funds	43,311	(43,311)	-	50,610	(50,610)	-
Inventory	8,197	32,984	41,181	8,514	34,028	42,542
	<u>497,101</u>	<u>327,643</u>	<u>824,744</u>	<u>231,841</u>	<u>288,690</u>	<u>520,531</u>
INVESTMENTS (Note 3)	730,119	-	730,119	702,771	-	702,771
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 4)	1,195,339	-	1,195,339	1,242,182	-	1,242,182
	<u>\$ 2,422,560</u>	<u>\$ 327,643</u>	<u>\$ 2,750,203</u>	<u>\$ 2,176,794</u>	<u>\$ 288,690</u>	<u>\$ 2,465,484</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 35,948	\$ 954	\$ 36,902	\$ 102,597	\$ 33,845	\$ 136,442
Funds under administration	271,727	-	271,727	-	-	-
Prepaid membership dues	85,974	-	85,974	83,351	-	83,351
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	-	215,792	215,792	-	233,236	233,236
	<u>393,649</u>	<u>216,746</u>	<u>610,395</u>	<u>185,948</u>	<u>267,081</u>	<u>453,029</u>
NET ASSETS						
Invested in tangible capital assets	1,195,339	-	1,195,339	1,242,182	-	1,242,182
Unrestricted fund balance	788,572	110,897	899,469	703,664	21,609	725,273
Internally restricted fund balance (Note 8)	45,000	-	45,000	45,000	-	45,000
	<u>2,028,911</u>	<u>110,897</u>	<u>2,139,808</u>	<u>1,990,846</u>	<u>21,609</u>	<u>2,012,455</u>
	<u>\$ 2,422,560</u>	<u>\$ 327,643</u>	<u>\$ 2,750,203</u>	<u>\$ 2,176,794</u>	<u>\$ 288,690</u>	<u>\$ 2,465,484</u>

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On behalf of the Provincial Executive Council

_____ Member of Council

_____ Member of Council

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended December 31, 2021, with comparative figures for 2020

	2021							2021 Total
	Unrestricted			Invested in Tangible Capital Assets	Internally Restricted			
	General Fund	Poppy Fund	Total		General Fund	Poppy Fund	Total	
NET ASSETS								
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 703,664	\$ 21,609	\$ 725,273	\$ 1,242,182	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	\$ 2,012,455
Excess of revenues over expenses	38,065	89,288	127,353	-	-	-	-	127,353
Additions of tangible capital assets	(295)	-	(295)	295	-	-	-	-
Amortization	47,138	-	47,138	(47,138)	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 788,572</u>	<u>\$ 110,897</u>	<u>\$ 899,469</u>	<u>\$ 1,195,339</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,139,808</u>
	2020							2020 Total
	Unrestricted			Invested in Tangible Capital Assets	Internally Restricted			
	General Fund	Poppy Fund	Total		General Fund	Poppy Fund	Total	
NET ASSETS								
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,283,408	\$ 44,239	\$ 1,327,647	\$ 267,225	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	\$ 1,639,872
Excess of revenues over expenses	395,213	(22,630)	372,583	-	-	-	-	372,583
Additions of tangible capital assets	(175,564)	-	(175,564)	175,564	-	-	-	-
Amortization	43,450	-	43,450	(43,450)	-	-	-	-
Debt repayment	(842,843)	-	(842,843)	842,843	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 703,664</u>	<u>\$ 21,609</u>	<u>\$ 725,273</u>	<u>\$ 1,242,182</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,012,455</u>

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Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2021, with comparative figures for 2020

	General Fund	Poppy Fund	2021 Total	General Fund	Poppy Fund	2020 Total
REVENUES						
Branch supplies - net (Schedule 1)	\$ 4,876	\$ 37,090	\$ 41,966	\$ 2,551	\$ 32,339	\$ 34,890
Donations	960	9,996	10,956	7,999	9,638	17,637
Government grants and subsidies	53,719	-	53,719	34,506	-	34,506
Grant management fee	45,000	-	45,000	3,179	-	3,179
Interest	9,991	-	9,991	21,562	-	21,562
Membership dues	125,883	-	125,883	126,816	-	126,816
Members' Sports Committee	-	-	-	7,846	-	7,846
Military recognition book	173,755	-	173,755	167,207	-	167,207
Other revenue	982	7,078	8,060	504	8,824	9,328
Poppy administration fees	-	-	-	111,362	-	111,362
Poppy levy	-	57,403	57,403	-	70,481	70,481
Program revenue	-	100,659	100,659	-	86,324	86,324
	<u>415,166</u>	<u>212,226</u>	<u>627,392</u>	<u>483,532</u>	<u>207,606</u>	<u>691,138</u>
EXPENSES						
Administration (Schedule 2)	318,628	1,044	319,672	363,801	112,866	476,667
Bad debts	320	348	668	-	-	-
Bank charges	385	264	649	150	145	295
Bursaries	-	5,500	5,500	-	5,000	5,000
Donations	-	-	-	450	-	450
Emergency relief payments	-	8,032	8,032	-	3,975	3,975
Essay contest prizes	-	7,058	7,058	-	7,874	7,874
Executive Committee	26,855	-	26,855	49,899	-	49,899
Interest expense	-	-	-	32,441	-	32,441
Members' Sports Committee	487	-	487	3,263	-	3,263
Miscellaneous	43	34	77	-	1,862	1,862
Program expenses	-	100,658	100,658	-	98,514	98,514
Provincial convention	-	-	-	1,397	-	1,397
Scholarships	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
Track and field program - net (Schedule 3)	(5,500)	-	(5,500)	40	-	40
	<u>346,218</u>	<u>122,938</u>	<u>469,156</u>	<u>456,441</u>	<u>230,236</u>	<u>686,677</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES						
BEFORE THE FOLLOWING	68,948	89,288	158,236	27,091	(22,630)	4,461
Amortization	47,138	-	47,138	43,450	-	43,450
Loss (gain) on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	(381,903)	-	(381,903)
Realized (gain) loss on investments	(15,701)	-	(15,701)	(28,628)	-	(28,628)
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(554)	-	(554)	(1,041)	-	(1,041)
	<u>38,065</u>	<u>89,288</u>	<u>127,353</u>	<u>13,310</u>	<u>(22,630)</u>	<u>372,583</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER REVENUES)	<u>\$ 38,065</u>	<u>\$ 89,288</u>	<u>\$ 127,353</u>	<u>\$ 13,310</u>	<u>\$ (22,630)</u>	<u>\$ 372,583</u>

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THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31, 2021, with comparative figures for 2020

	2021			2020		
	General Fund	Poppy Fund	Total	General Fund	Poppy Fund	Total
OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues)	\$ 38,065	\$ 89,288	\$ 127,353	\$ 395,213	\$ (22,630)	\$ 372,583
Non-cash items:						
Amortization	47,138	-	47,138	43,450	-	43,450
Unrealized loss (gain) on fair value adjustment to investments	(554)	-	(554)	(1,041)	-	(1,041)
Interest expense	-	-	-	32,441	-	32,441
Loss (gain) on sale of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	(381,903)	-	(381,903)
Net change in non-cash working capital balances (Note 7)	(55,775)	(37,408)	(93,183)	74,467	77,518	151,985
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	28,874	51,880	80,754	162,627	54,888	217,515
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Net investment proceeds (purchases)	(26,794)	-	(26,794)	596,591	-	596,591
Repayment of debt	-	-	-	(842,843)	-	(842,843)
Additions to tangible capital assets	(295)	-	(295)	(227,438)	-	(227,438)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	433,777	-	433,777
Increase (decrease) in due to/from funds	7,299	(7,299)	-	3,906	(3,906)	-
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(19,790)	(7,299)	(27,089)	(36,007)	(3,906)	(39,913)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH DURING THE YEAR	9,084	44,581	53,665	126,620	50,982	177,602
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	150,869	269,783	420,652	24,249	218,801	243,050
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$ 159,953	\$ 314,364	\$ 474,317	\$ 150,869	\$ 269,783	\$ 420,652

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THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND

Notes to the Financial Statements

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1. Purpose of Organization

The Royal Canadian Legion - Saskatchewan Command ("the Legion") serves members, and their families, who have served or are serving in the armed forces or any auxiliary force of others who support the Legion. Individuals are represented by community branches, which report to Provincial Command, that in turn reports to the Dominion Command in Ottawa.

This not-for-profit organization was incorporated in 1948 by a special private Act to incorporate the Royal Canadian Legion, and is not subject to income tax under the Income Tax Act.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations which require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the period. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. The financial statements reflect the following policies:

a) *Financial Instruments - recognition and measurement*

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recorded on the statement of financial position when the Legion becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. All financial instruments are required to be recognized at fair value upon initial recognition, except for certain related party transactions. Measurement in subsequent periods of all investments are at fair value. All other financial assets and liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost adjusted by transaction costs, which are amortized over the expected life of the instrument.

Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged at arm's length between willing, unrelated parties in an open market. Changes in fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value are recognized in excess of revenues over expenses.

When there is an indication of impairment and such impairment is determined to have occurred, the carrying amount of financial assets measured at amortized cost is reduced to the greater of the discounted cash flows expected or the proceeds that could be realized from the sale of the financial asset. Such impairments can be subsequently reversed if the value subsequently improves.

b) *Basis of presentation*

Because the organization conducts activities for special purposes, the financial statements have been presented in a manner which segregates the balances into a General Fund and a Poppy Fund.

The General Fund accounts for the sale of branch supplies, interest revenue, membership dues, donations and special events income, administrative and operational costs, and programs.

The Poppy Fund accounts for the sale of poppies, related administrative expenses, bursaries, essay contest prizes and emergency relief payments. The assets of this fund are restricted to be used for assistance to Canadian ex-service personnel and their dependents, dependents, and ex-service personnel of Commonwealth and allied countries living in Canada.

c) *Revenue recognition*

The Legion follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized in the year in which related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted and internally restricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Membership revenue, poppy levy revenue and school poppy revenue are recognized in the year collected.

The Legion recognizes subsidies and grants received from various government programs as revenue in the period earned after all necessary applications have been completed and collection is reasonably assured. These amounts may be subject to review by Canada Revenue Agency or other government agencies. Any differences between the amounts recorded in the financial statements and the amounts received will be recognized in income in the period in which new information becomes known.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

d) Inventory

Inventory consists of poppy supplies and promotional materials. It is valued at the lower of cost and replacement value. Cost is determined on the first in first out basis.

e) Investments

Each fund maintains a separate investment account with income earned on investments attributes to the respective fund. Investments are recorded at fair market value.

f) Property and equipment

Property and equipment are initially recorded at cost. Normal maintenance and repair costs are expensed as incurred.

Amortization is recorded on the declining balance method at the following annual rates:

Furniture and fixtures	10%
Office equipment	20%
Computer equipment	30%
Building	5%

Amortization is charged for the full year in the year of acquisition. No amortization is taken in the year of disposal.

g) Prepaid membership dues

Prepaid membership dues represent that portion of membership dues collected prior to year end that relate to future fiscal years.

h) Employee benefits

The Legion sponsors a defined contribution pension plan for all of its employees. Under the defined contribution plan, the Legion's obligations are limited to making required contributions. These contributions are expensed in the period in which they are made.

3. Investments

	2021			2020		
	General	Poppy	Total	General	Poppy	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 165,757	\$ -	\$ 165,757	\$ 127,065	\$ -	\$ 127,065
GIC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonds	371,927	-	371,927	401,891	-	401,891
Stocks and equities	192,436	-	192,436	173,815	-	173,815
	<u>\$ 730,119</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 730,119</u>	<u>\$ 702,771</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 702,771</u>

4. Tangible Capital Assets

	2021			2020		
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value
Land	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ 125,000
Building	1,148,537	86,386	1,062,151	1,148,537	41,539	1,106,998
Furniture and equipment	18,090	11,477	6,613	17,795	9,861	7,934
Computer equipment	2,647	1,072	1,575	2,647	397	2,250
	<u>\$ 1,294,274</u>	<u>\$ 98,935</u>	<u>\$ 1,195,339</u>	<u>\$ 1,293,979</u>	<u>\$ 51,797</u>	<u>\$ 1,242,182</u>

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5. Deferred Revenue

	2021			2020		
	General	Poppy	Total	General	Poppy	Total
Homeless Veterans	\$ -	\$ 68,570	\$ 68,570	\$ -	\$ 53,462	\$ 53,462
Discovering Power & Wellness	-	84,796	84,796	-	122,558	122,558
Paws for Veterans	-	62,426	62,426	-	57,216	57,216
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 215,792</u>	<u>\$ 215,792</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 233,236</u>	<u>\$ 233,236</u>

6. Financial risk management

The Legion has a risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage the principal risks assumed with financial instruments. The significant risks to which the Legion is exposed are:

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Legion is exposed to credit risk on the accounts receivable from its members, however, does not have a significant exposure to any individual member or counterpart. The Legion incurred insignificant bad debt expense during the past three years.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Legion's exposure to liquidity risk is dependent on the receipt of funds from its operations and other related sources. Funds from these sources are primarily used to finance working capital and capital expenditure requirements, and are considered adequate to meet the Legion's financial obligations.

Price Risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Legion's investments in stocks and equities expose the Legion to market price risk as such investments are subject to price changes in the open market. The Legion does not use any derivative financial instruments to alter the effects of this risk.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Legion's exposure to interest rate risk is limited to the investment margin account.

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7. Non-Cash Operating Working Capital

Details of the net change in each element of working capital relating to operations (excluding cash) are as follows:

	2021			2020		
	General	Poppy	Total	General	Poppy	Total
(Increase) decrease in current assets:						
Accounts receivable	\$ 8,748	\$ 11,883	\$ 20,631	\$ 13,587	\$ 27,243	\$ 40,830
Inventory	317	1,044	1,361	393	(1,564)	(1,171)
Prepaid expenses	(814)	-	(814)	1,956	-	1,956
	<u>8,251</u>	<u>12,927</u>	<u>21,178</u>	<u>15,936</u>	<u>25,679</u>	<u>41,615</u>
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities:						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(66,649)	(32,891)	\$ (99,540)	36,325	(6,035)	\$ 30,290
Prepaid membership dues	2,623	-	2,623	22,206	-	22,206
Deferred revenue	-	(17,444)	(17,444)	-	57,874	57,874
	<u>(64,026)</u>	<u>(50,335)</u>	<u>(114,361)</u>	<u>58,531</u>	<u>51,839</u>	<u>110,370</u>
	<u>\$ (55,775)</u>	<u>\$ (37,408)</u>	<u>\$ (93,183)</u>	<u>\$ 74,467</u>	<u>\$ 77,518</u>	<u>\$ 151,985</u>

8. Internally restricted fund balance

	2021			2020		
	General	Poppy	Total	General	Poppy	Total
Legion Legacy Project	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000
	<u>\$ 45,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>

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Schedule of Branch Supplies Net Revenue - Schedule 1

December 31, 2021, with comparative figures for 2020

	2021			2020		
	General Fund	Poppy Fund	Total	General Fund	Poppy Fund	Total
SALES	\$ 10,181	\$ 148,048	\$ 158,229	\$ 8,769	\$ 121,305	\$ 130,074
COST OF SALES						
Inventory, beginning of year	8,514	34,028	42,542	8,907	32,464	41,371
Purchases	4,988	109,914	114,902	5,825	90,530	96,355
	13,502	143,942	157,444	14,732	122,994	137,726
Inventory, end of year	8,197	32,984	41,181	8,514	34,028	42,542
	5,305	110,958	116,263	6,218	88,966	95,184
GROSS PROFIT	\$ 4,876	\$ 37,090	\$ 41,966	\$ 2,551	\$ 32,339	\$ 34,890

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Schedule of Administration Expenses - Schedule 2

December 31, 2021, with comparative figures for 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration fees	\$ -	\$ 111,362
Advertising	-	-
Employee benefits	23,935	25,238
Insurance	3,718	11,677
Office supplies	10,417	10,717
Postage	7,370	8,265
Professional services	18,525	32,799
Property taxes	-	398
Repairs and maintenance	13,005	19,922
Salaries	231,554	237,752
Telephone	2,754	3,593
Travel	183	1,091
Utilities	8,210	13,853
	<u>\$ 319,672</u>	<u>\$ 476,667</u>
Allocated to:		
General Fund	\$ 318,628	\$ 363,801
Poppy Fund	1,044	112,866
	<u>\$ 319,672</u>	<u>\$ 476,667</u>

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Schedule of Track and Field Program Operations - Schedule 3

December 31, 2021, with comparative figures for 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
REVENUES		
Registration fees	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	5,500	750
	<u>5,500</u>	<u>750</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration	-	-
Board, lodging and travel	-	-
Coaching and professional staff	-	-
Facility rental	-	-
National team expenses - net	-	-
Prizes	-	-
Track Committee	-	790
	<u>-</u>	<u>790</u>
NET REVENUE/(EXPENSES)	<u>\$ 5,500</u>	<u>\$ (40)</u>

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION SASKATCHEWAN
COMMAND
2023-2024 BUDGET**

REVENUE	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2023	2024
BRANCH SUPPLIES	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
DONATIONS	\$ -	\$ -
ADMIN POPPY	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
INTEREST	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
MEMBER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
FENETY MARKETING	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
PER CAPITA TAX	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 135,000.00
VETERAN LICENSE PLATES	\$ -	\$ -
PROVINCIALGRANT FEE	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
OTHER REVENUE	\$ -	\$ -
PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION FEE	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 494,500.00	\$ 494,500.00

EXPENSES		
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 350,268.00	\$ 357,273.36
CONVENTION	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00
EXECUTIVE	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 34,000.00
PUBLIC RELATIONS	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
VETERANS & SENIORS	\$ 3500.00	\$ 3500.00
BRANCH ADVISORY	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
DISTRICT & ZONE ORGAN.	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
MEMBER SPORTS	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
TRACK & FIELD	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
YOUTH & SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
LEADERSHIP & TRAINING	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS	\$ -	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -	
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$ 492,768.00	\$ 536,773.36
INCOME - EXPENSES	\$ 51,732.00	\$ 7,726.64
BUILDING RESERVE	\$ -	\$ -
AMORTIZATION	\$ -	\$ -
GAIN/LOSS INVESTMENTS	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 51,732.00	\$ (7,726.64)

ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

	2023	2024
CANADA PENSION PLAN	\$ 12,240.00	\$ 12,484.80
SUPERANNUATION	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 13,005.00
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$ 6,375.00	\$ 6,502.50
WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,601.00
INSURANCE & BOND	\$ 4,080.00	\$ 4,161.60
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 12,240.00	\$ 12,484.80
POSTAGE	\$ 7,650.00	\$ 7,803.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 18,360.00	\$ 18,727.20
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 510.00	\$ 520.20
UTILITIES	\$ 8,160.00	\$ 8,323.20
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,202.00
SALARIES	\$ 255,000.00	\$ 260,100.00
TELEPHONE AND INTERNET	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,601.00
CAR ALLOWANCE	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 1,040.40
CONFERENCE REGIST & TRAINING	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 1,560.60
BANK CHARGES	\$ 153.00	\$ 156.06
TOTAL	\$ 350,268.00	\$ 357,273.36

PROVINCIAL CONSTITUTION & LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Since the last Provincial Convention, The Constitution and Laws Committee has reviewed the By-Laws of a small number of Branches. The reason for the reviews was to ensure that the changes, or revisions to the Branch By-laws conformed to the Royal Canadian Legion General and Provincial By-Laws and did not conflict with the Rules of Procedure or the Ritual and Insignia Manuals. Branches should also know that they are required to have By-Laws for their Branch as outlined in Article VI, 603 of the General By-Laws. Changed a few years ago because of the lack of information the Committee has found in the existing files from years past we have instituted a system that final approval will not be given until the Branch submits a complete copy of their By-Laws as amended.

Again, at this Convention, Branches are reminded that Provincial Command has a generic set of By-Laws available for use by Branches. These generic By-Laws can either be accepted as written by Branches without By-Laws or they can act as a guide to Branches in the preparation of their own set.

Since the last Provincial Convention your Provincial Council has made recommendations to the Provincial By-Laws. If approved the changes will be included in the reprint of the Provincial By-Laws following the Convention, with the approval of Dominion Command.

The Committee has reviewed the General By-Laws to see if there will be any changes needed to our Provincial By-laws. At this time, we have found nothing that has to be changed in Saskatchewan Commands By-Laws.

Comrades, over the past three years, we did have to handle an appeal of a complaint within our Command. These complaints are cost prohibitive and are time consuming for our Command staff and Officers. We find that some Branch Presidents and their Executives and also members are not carrying out their duties towards the Branch or Command in a proper manner. These Officers and members are not familiar with the By-Laws and attempt to interpret them to suit themselves.

Comrades, lets remember that all By-Laws have been approved by delegates at Convention. They are not being imposed on the general membership by any level of Command. If these differences were discussed openly and honestly between the members concerned, I'm very sure most of them could be settled with a handshake. Then everyone could spend their time and energy working for the betterment of our great organization. I firmly believe that most complaints are nothing more than personality conflicts. Comrades, The Royal Canadian Legion deserves better.

The Committee would like to express its sincere thanks to the Provincial Command Council for its support and assistance in carrying out its duties. Further thanks and appreciation to our Provincial Executive Director Comrade Chad and the Command office staff.

This report is respectfully submitted, and its adoption is so moved.

Peter Piper
Provincial Chairman Constitution & Laws Committee

PROVINCIAL PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report available at time of printing.

PROVINCIAL 1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What an honour it has been to serve as your 1st Vice President, and what a challenge it has been as well. Did I mention that since being elected in 2019 the term went from 2-year to a 3-year term! Well, challenges make you think, learn, and grow while 3 years simply means more time to give of yourself. That in summary, is my report.

I have been given the opportunity to serve on several committees, including but not limited to the following. It has been my honour and privilege to serve on these committees. Thank-you for the opportunity to give and to learn.

Provincial Membership Committee Chair

DEC Membership Committee Meetings of the whole attendee

Provincial Poppy and Remembrance Committee Chair

DEC Poppy and Remembrance Committee Member (Aug/21)

Provincial Personal Committee Member

Provincial Building Committee Member

Provincial Ways & Means & Fundraising Committee Member

DEC Centenary Committee Member (Aug/21)

Provincial Strategic Planning Committee Member

Attendance and participation were accomplished through zoom meetings, conference calls and e-mails. I attended the Nov/21 DEC meeting in Ottawa in person. Although zoom meetings had proved to be very valuable tools, it was very nice to meet and enjoy in person dialogue with DEC members and staff and to see DEC in action. Another wonderful learning experience that I was afforded was to represent Saskatchewan Command at the Alberta-NWT Command Convention in Red Deer in May/22. It was very interesting speaking with our neighbouring Comrades, attending their workshops, listening to their reports, resolutions, discussions, and speakers. Most exciting, to meet and congratulate their first ever lady Provincial President, Comrade Rosalind LaRose.

It was a real pleasure to travel to the Zone 2,3, & 4 Rallies & District 4 Rally. Nothing compares to visiting your own local Branches and hearing their motivational reports of how they weathered the storms of the past 2 years, all the while continuing to serve Veterans and their Communities. Thankfully our Provincial Government and our Dominion Command sent rescue funds! Much appreciated support.

It was my pleasure to present certificates and cheques on behalf of the Legion National Foundation to 3 of our Dominion level winners in the Poster and Literary contest. They were from the Pathlow #344, Humboldt Br. #28 and Viscount #271 Branches.

The Dominion Centenary Committee is in action, and I am excited to be a part of it. 2026 is the Legion's 100th Anniversary. Our goal is to engage every member of the public in the Legion. Celebrations and events are to be held at the National, Provincial, Territorial and Branch level. Running from January – December 2026, Will broadcast through local and National media our ethos and vision for the future as well as all events and celebrations. This is our opportunity to say a special thank-you to all of our members and friends around the world. Everything is to be conducted in the spirit of Comradeship and solemn Remembrance. February 17, 1926, marked the official creation of the Canadian Legion in Saskatchewan. We became the first Provincial Section of the Canadian Legion. On July 17, 1926, the Legion was incorporated by a special act of Parliament in Winnipeg. There will be a celebration at Winnipeg Convention in 2026. Looking at incorporating the 100th Anniversary theme into the Poster and Literary contest. The Committee is open to suggestions and ideas for 100th Anniversary events. Soon, Saskatchewan Command will establish a Sask. Command Centenary Committee to begin gathering ideas and making plans for our celebrations.

FYI DEC lists future Dominion Conventions in the following locations:

2024 St. John, NB.

2026 Winnipeg, MB.

2028 Saskatoon, SK.

In closing, I want to say what a wonderful experience serving as your 1st.V.P. has been. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with each and everyone of you.

Yours in Comradeship,

Carol A. Pedersen

1st Vice President

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

Since my re-election to the Vice President's position at the 2019 convention I have been privileged to work as Chair for the Sports and PRO Committees as well as to sit on the Way & Means, Personnel and the newly formed Strategic Planning Committees

Throughout the past 3 years we have had to face many challenges – some of which were pre-existing while others were new or exasperated throughout the pandemic.

Our Leadership training in early 2020 was a tremendous asset to our Branch Officers, Zone, and District Commanders. Kudos to the Leadership Committee and command staff for an excellent job of putting the training together in a relatively short period of time. Hopefully it is a program we will be able to see continuing as we move forward out of the pandemic restrictions.

One of the positives that was brought forward during COVID was our ability to adapt to using alternative means of communication as many meetings, ceremonies, and Remembrance Day Services and yes, even our Dominion Convention demonstrated what electronic formatting can do for us. Many Zoom meetings took us through a time when we were not able to gather in person and allowed us to carry out our Command business. By the time the Dominion Convention was held in August of 2021, we were able to gather at Command Office and Saskatchewan Command was represented as a united council.

Unfortunately, not all aspects of conducting our business worked well through the pandemic. Many branches struggled as there were fewer opportunities to generate revenue, engage members and be a face in the public. I am extremely pleased to note that throughout these trying times Saskatchewan Command did not lose any branches. Much more fortunate than many other Provincial Commands.

Branches continued to come up with many innovative ways to carry out our Legion programs including Poppy Campaigns and Remembrance Day Services. We fulfilled the expectations of the public by continuing to provide them with the opportunity to pay their respects as they do each year through the Remembrance period.

Our Provincial Service Officers met the challenges of increased concerns within our Veteran Community be it homelessness, physical health and needs or mental health needs, they were there every step of the way and have done Saskatchewan Command proud. Thank you, Paul and Kim, for the great service you provide.

We said farewell to a couple of our Command staff but just as one door closes, another opens we have been able to add new members to the team and we welcome them with open arms.

As we hopefully are seeing COVID 19 in the rear-view mirror, I look forward to the deliberations of this convention and will hopefully have the opportunity to continue working for Sask

Command and its membership.

We have many challenges and concerns to address with membership and the projected awareness of the role of The Legion being at the top.

I would like at this time to thank my fellow council members and the Command Office Staff, for all the great work you do to help our veterans, our members and to make us all look good. It remains a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with each of you and to work for each and every member of Saskatchewan Command and The Royal Canadian Legion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Taylor
Provincial Vice President

PROVINCIAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Comrades,

I was honoured to be elected to this position three years ago. I want to thank everyone who had confidence in me and gave me their vote. Having not gone through the usual lines of progression to get to Provincial Executive Council it did come as a bit of a surprise.

I also want to thank the members of Provincial Council and staff at the Command office. They welcomed me with open arms, and I have learned so much from them over these last three years.

Before Covid started altering our everyday lives in 2020, I was able to participate as a speaker at three of the four leadership seminars that Command put on across the province. Even though the material being presented was the same, it was interesting to see the focus of the conversations were completely different. One district focused mainly on membership and participation, another focused on the business side of running the branch and the third focused on mostly bylaws and protocol. I think seminars like these and the conversations that take place are crucial to the success of the Legion. I'm excited to see how these seminars can be and adapt to member's needs in the future.

In the summer of 2020, I was asked to join a committee that was responsible for putting together a bid to host the national track & field event. The committee put together a first-class proposal and even though our bid was unsuccessful, we learned a lot about the process and I'm confident this province will be successful the next time we submit a bid.

I was happy to have the opportunity to be involved with the meetings between FP Genetics and Provincial Command. Not only is this partnership a great source of revenue for our command, but it's a unique way to honour veterans and promote the Legion on a large scale.

Unfortunately, Covid really limited our provincial sports program over the last few years as most events had to be cancelled due to restrictions. I was able to keep busy just by volunteering to help with contacting previous sponsors as well as finding new ones for all the new provincial sports plaques. I would like to thank everyone who offered to be a sponsor. We are in great shape and shouldn't have to order any new plaques until 2040.

I learned a lot about the business side of the Legion while sitting on the Ways and Means committee. We were tasked with finding ways to reduce expenses and increase our revenues. Even though Covid managed to help reduce our operating costs, increasing revenue has proven to be a challenge. I helped organize the province wide 50/50 that ran in June of this year. Unfortunately, we were not able to get the support from the branches and their communities that we were hoping for.

We were able to learn a few things which should help with provincial fundraisers in the future.

In December of 2020 I was appointed as one of the trustees to a branch that was dealing with several issues. There were quite a few bumps along the way as we worked to get the branch back on track. However, the new leadership group at this branch have been amazing to work with since they took office earlier this year. It's been great to see such a large group of people who are willing to work together for the betterment of a branch. I know this group will make sure the branch continues to grow and be successful for years to come.

Aside from the various things listed above I managed to take part in a number of Dominion zoom meetings, the virtual Dominion convention, Provincial Council meetings, district/zone rallies and a few other events. I'm very happy to be able to be having this provincial convention in person. Zoom is convenient but nothing will ever be able to compete with meeting face to face.

I want to say thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the convention this year. It's great to see the members of the Legion wanting to participate and help shape the future of this organization. It has been a great honour serving as one of your vice-presidents for the past three years.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Hofmeister
Provincial Vice President

PROVINCIAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Comrades,

It has been my privilege and honor to have served you over the past two years as your Saskatchewan Command Chairman. I have endeavored at all times to represent you and Saskatchewan Command in the best possible manner. Being a member of your Provincial Command Council, demanding as it may have seemed at times, had its rewards from the opportunities presented by its variety of assignments and experiences and I wish to thank all members of Saskatchewan Command for having entrusted me to act on their behalf while carrying out the duties as your chairman.

The Saskatchewan Command 51st Biennial Convention will be conducted in accordance with the procedures laid down in The Royal Canadian Legion Rules of Procedure for Legion meetings. With the cooperation of you and our delegates, the Convention business will be handled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Besides chairing the Provincial Sub-Executive and Council meetings over the past two years, I have also chaired the Provincial Constitution and Laws Committee, and the other duties assigned to me as the Provincial President.

I would be remiss if I concluded this report without a thank you to the Provincial President and all of Council for their co-operation and comradeship over the past two years.

Just in closing I would like to thank Chad and his staff for their cooperation and assistance during my term.

This report is respectfully submitted, and its adoption is so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Piper
Provincial Chairman

PROVINCIAL POPPY & REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, as Members of The Royal Canadian Legion are the Guardians of Remembrance. Thank-you to all Branches/Members for your hard work, innovative ideas, and perseverance in making the Poppy Campaigns happen under the difficult and challenging times that we faced over the last 2 years. Congratulations, your efforts were successful!

Saskatchewan Command Service Office

Your Provincial Service Office has remained operational throughout the complete past term. For a period, our Service Officer Team, worked from home via laptops and telephones, continuing to serve Veterans. Significant financial assistance has been made possible from the Benevolent and Emergency funds. Emergency Funds- \$34,753.63 and Benevolent Funds- \$53,400.17

PSO's also produced a Video on the special uses of Poppy Funds. Our two Service Officers are anxious to resume Veteran Service Officer training in person, be ready!

Poster & Literary Contest

For over 50 years this program helps the Legion to foster the tradition of Remembrance amongst Canadian youth.

Saskatchewan Command Statistics Yearly																	
	Junior				Intermediate				Senior				Primary				Total
	Essay	Poem	Coloured	B&W	Essay	Poem	Coloured	B&W	Essay	Poem	Coloured	B&W	Essay	Poem	Coloured	B&W	
District 1	81	205	795	609	135	174	413	369	40	79	48	63	0	0	772	198	3981
District 2	165	375	740	595	237	321	425	493	81	178	67	106	0	8	647	173	4611
District 3	137	263	1169	579	95	143	392	414	73	103	50	65	0	1	1096	208	4788
District 4	89	271	1144	848	133	292	495	415	35	218	58	65	0	0	1118	234	5415
2021 Total	472	1114	3848	2631	600	930	1725	1691	229	578	223	299	0	9	3633	813	18795
2020 Total	543	1399	3137	2253	512	934	1581	1506	195	519	208	247	0	9	3172	635	16850
2019 Total	698	1774	4476	3373	708	1379	2017	1927	284	646	334	415	0	0	4226	1129	23386
2018 Total	432	1780	4013	2734	451	1359	1669	1829	165	736	286	326	0	0	4019	949	20748

The stats indicate strong participation in 2019, a significant drop in 2020, remaining lower than we would like in 2021, but an overall upswing from 2020. This is moving in the right direction. The largest group of participants being Primary, with a steady drop off as you look from Intermediate to Junior to Senior. Considering what Schools, teachers, students and Branches have gone through in the past 2 years, the numbers remain relatively good. The Poster & Literary contest are under the jurisdiction of the National Legion Foundation.

In 2021 we had 7 winners at the Dominion level. To increase visibility and awareness of the contest, we asked that presentations involve as many Legion members and officers as possible.

The provincial Poster & Literary Contest Guide booklets for Branch, Zone & District levels were updated and distributed in 2021. These guides contain valuable information as well as your form for reporting your numbers. You will get a refresher course on the guide contents and use in a convention seminar/workshop.

Scholarships and Bursaries

10 - \$500.00 Scholarships & 10 - \$500.00 Bursaries are awarded annually, except for 2020 when a tie made it necessary to award the 11th scholarship.

Poppy Campaign

The Poppy Campaign is the foundation of our Remembrance Program.

DC has many incentives offered to Canadians to promote Remembrance.

As one option for Branches, we are going into the 3rd year of trials for the “tap and pay” poppy boxes. DC experienced delays in distribution of poppy funds. DC assures us that the process will be more efficient in the future. Branches received request forms in June to confirm their desire to continue to use tap and pay boxes. Only branches requesting them will be provided with them. It was noted that tap & pay boxes had best results when a Legion member in uniform sat with the box. Boxes can be taken back to the Branch every night for charging also, which makes placement in a business much simpler. Going forward, branches using tap and pay will be provided with tutorial videos and will be given better communication regarding processing fees and reimbursement process.

Poppy Campaign Results Form

A new and simple form containing information vital for planning for your Provincial Service Office. This is the reason why Sask. Command requires the co-operation of each and every Branch with the completion of these forms.

Branch Status Report: Poppy Trust Funds Form

Also contains information vital for Sask. Command & Dominion Command. Requires timely return.

Poppy Manual

The Poppy manual's ongoing revisions reflect changes and clarifications that are being made to ensure the manual serves as a reliable guide and source of direction for all aspects of the Poppy Campaign and all uses of the Poppy Trust Funds. The most current version is always available online.

Poppy Trademark

The Poppy trademark is owned by the Royal Canadian Legion. In order to use the poppy image in any way, it is a requirement that application must be made to DC. DC actively enforces this.

Thank-you to every member who worked on the Poppy Campaign in any capacity, it is through your dedication and selfless efforts that we are ensured of Poppy Trust Funds with which to help Veterans and their dependants.

Thank-you to all Branch and Provincial Service Officers without whom we could not serve Veterans in the capacity and with the dignity which we do.

Thank-you to all Members involved with the Poster and Literary contest at every level, from Branch, Zone, District and Provincial Level. Your efforts made it happen!

Thank-you to my committee members for your time and input.

Yours in Comradeship,

Carrol A. Pedersen,

Chairman

Committee members: Comrade Darrell Webster and Comrade Keith Andrews

Poppy Resolution

RESOLUTION #9

PEC Levy

WHEREAS: Each Branch is required to remitted a 10% levy to Command based on the Annual Poppy Campaign to a maximum of \$3000.

WHEREAS: The levy is used to offset the cost of running the Campaign including the Service Office

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That "to a maximum of \$3000.00" in Article VII (e) under the Provincial Bylaws, be removed.

PEC, Carried at PEC Meeting

CONCURRED

PROVINCIAL VETERAN SERVICES AND SENIORS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hello Comrades,

The past three years has been different and difficult due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but as a team, we have adapted and overcome. Despite the changes that had to be made such as temporary branch closures, virtual meetings, and tele-conferences, we have demonstrated yet again that we can still help our Veterans, surviving spouses and families when at need.

We are happy to report that there have been some changes to The Poppy Manual such as increasing the amount of Poppy Funds for a Medical Alert Systems to \$1,500.00 annually, Relief of Disasters – Branches can request (via Application for Special Use of Poppy Trust Funds) to use of to \$500.00 annually for Personnel Protective Equipment such as masks, sanitizers.

I am pleased to report that the VSS committee, with help from Comrade Chad Wagner has lobbied the SK government on some key points. After five years, we have successfully lobbied to have all Regular RCMP members or Veterans (with more than three years of active service) to qualify in obtaining SK Veterans Licence plates.

Our Service Officer team of Comrade Kimberley Douglas and Paul Valiquette are striving to help our Veterans with VAC Claims and their well-being. Recently, a Veteran applied for Saskatchewan Income Support (SIS) but was denied due to a VAC pension with is now called Pain and Suffering Compensation (PSC) and Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation (APSC). These types of pensions are tax-free and is award to injuries sustained in service. When our Service Officers heard of this, found that within the SIS Manual, it states “any level of government’s payments for Pain and Suffering Compensation are supposed to be excluded from the calculated amount of SIS”. Our Service Officers has sent a 27-page document to SIS Appeals to look over the Veterans file. We will keep everyone updated on this issue.

During this reporting period, Comrade Kimberley Douglas, with help from Megan McKenzie have developed a Yoga for Veterans Program. This program can be used by all, even people with physical disabilities to help with the connection between body and mind.

Our Service Officers continues reviewing all Applications for Special Use of Poppy Trust funds. At times, there has been some applications that we have had to decline. Fortunately, our Service Officers and Comrade Chad Wagner is in constant contact with the Director of Poppy and Remembrance at Dominion Command to address some of the issues and questions in relating to Poppy Funds. We have made significant progress such as helping to fund mental health resources (peer support) within our communities. We will advise everyone once Dominion Command advises our Service Officers. If you have any questions, please ask so we can forward them to Dominion Command.

Our Service Officers have made many new contacts and referrals such as Eden Care facilities for permanent lodging, River Valley Resilience Retreat to help OSI healing and Respect Forum. Respect Forum is a national program to build relations to help better serve our Still-Serving Members, Veterans and families. For more information, they can be found on www.repsectrfourm.org. Our Service Officers are in constant contact with both MFRC Veteran Family Program Coordinator's, MFRC Family Liaison Officers, OSI CAN, Carmichael's Outreach in Regina and so on.

We are happy to report, since our last convention to 15 June 2022, the status of our programs.

PAWS for Veterans – Expenditures = \$ 144,042.00 which leaves with a free available balance of \$ 87,450.67.

In 2021, we have allocated five Service Dogs and given \$5000.00 to Citadel Canine Training to help to match and train OSI Service Dogs for Veterans. In 2022, PAWS for Veterans gave another \$5000.00 to Citadel Canine Training.

Leave the Streets Behind - Expenditures = \$ 82,560.23 which leaves a free balance of \$63,269.17.

This program helps to secure housing, pay for utilities in the event of cut off etc.

Wellness – Expenditures = \$75,318.02 which leaves a free available balance of \$31,944.12.

Since our last convention, Discover the Power in Me and Mental Health First Aid for the Veteran Community has been moved under Wellness.

This program helps with the costs of physical / mobility equipment such as scooters and outdoor wheelchair lift and mental health initiatives such as sending a person to a sweat lodge. We are happy to report that we are funding a OSI Service Dog to a wife of a Veteran through the Wellness Program. No Dogs Left Behind in Moose Jaw, SK is helping with self-training of her dog Azzuro.

Unfortunately, the Mental First Aid for the Veteran Community has switched to a virtual course due to COVID-19. This course is not intended to replace the Veteran Community Course but a different approach. Recently, VAC has given Mental Health First Aid / Mental Health Commission of Canada authorization for MFRC's to deliver in house (person to person) courses. When RCL gets authorization, Comrade Paul Valiquette will start to book these courses. There were a couple of branches that that requested these courses prior to the pandemic. Comrade Paul Valiquette will request courses for those branches first and then start taking courses for other branches. Over the next two years and when he can, Comrade Paul Valiquette would like to schedule about 16 courses (four for each district).

I would like to say thank you to Comrades Les Trayhorne, Clarence Paul, Kimberley Douglas and Paul Valiquette for all of their hard work and devotion to this committee and to our Veterans.

I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Lavern Sobus

VSS Chairperson

Members: Les Trayhorne, Clarence Paul (TVS Rep), Kimberley Douglas and Paul Valiquette – Provincial Service Officers.

PROVINCIAL SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Hello Comrades and welcome to convention,

In the period since our last Convention, we have experienced a lot of world changes that have had an impact on every one of us in one way or another. But through it all, we have all persevered and continued to support our veterans, their families, and our communities. We would like to thank all the branches for their continued support through this turbulent time.

The PSO office continues to administer the provincial programs of Paws for Veterans, Leave the Streets Behind and the Wellness Program – details are in the VSS report, so I won't duplicate that here.

The PSO office works closely with Veterans Affairs Canada and their agents in assisting veterans with their claims as well as sharing information about new developments at the Federal level. It is fortunate that we as the Legion can fill in some of the gaps where VAC cannot – we have been able to help with emergency funding for many veterans in housing, food, overdue bills, and the like. Our partnership with VAC is important and we thank them all for their continued support in our joint purpose of supporting veterans.

We appreciate the support of the branches when we at Command request funding to assist a veteran and remind the branches that we cannot provide a name to go with the request but will provide the file number for your bookkeeping purposes.

The PSO office has had contact with over 1200 clients since last convention and of that number 150 were VAC clients with multiple claims.

On 9 May 2022 RCMP became eligible for veteran plates and must meet the same criteria as military personnel to qualify– to date we have had over 70 approved vet plate applications from the RCMP.

The PSO office has also been involved with the Respect Forum, a national program that links many organizations together to be able to provide resources for still serving, retired military, RCMP and First Responders.

We are pleased to report that we at Command had the honour and pleasure of attending the unveiling of several pedestals at Victoria Park that are a wonderful addition to the cenotaph area. The pedestal project was developed and executed by RUSI with funding and donations from various sources. Some of the new pedestals include Peacekeepers, Korea, Battle of the Atlantic, D-Day, Indigenous Veterans and The Royal Canadian Legion.

In closing, we continue to assist veterans everyday in any way we can and have been successful in finding housing for homeless veterans, paying bills to prevent homelessness, assisting with mobility items, medical items (not covered by VAC),

assisting with peer support connections, medical connections and sometimes just being a shoulder to cry on or to offer a listening ear.

A recent success story involves a recently released soldier who was struggling to adjust to civilian life. Working in conjunction with another command we were able to have his file transferred and assist with finding housing, VAC paperwork for his claims and peer support.

This report is respectfully submitted, and we ask for a motion for its adoption.

Paul Valiquette

Kimberley Douglas

Provincial Service Officers

PROVINCIAL YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

TRACK AND FIELD:

The Provincial track and field committee held a meeting on Wednesday 2 Feb 2022 at Nutana branch 362. The decision was made to proceed with the preparation in anticipation of holding the 2022 Provincial Legion Track and Field Meet July 5-9 in Regina at the Canada Games Complex.

Appointments

- Camp Director – Karen Tyacke
- Assistant Camp Director – TBD
- Head Coach - Kelly Wells
- Assistant Head Coach – Iain McCormick
- Coaches – TBD by Kelly Wells and Karen • Trainer - TBT by Kelly Wells and Karen
- Chaperones - TBD by Kelly Wells and Karen, 1 to be a Legion representative

I am pleased to announce that FP Genetics is proud to be the sponsor of our Provincial Event.

I then participated in the Dominion Sports meeting where we discussed the Dominion Track and Field event and how we should deal with it in light of COVID. This event is scheduled for 5-7 August in Sherbrooke Quebec.

At the time of the meeting the discussion centered around holding the games. Several options were looked at with regards to how to handle positive cases of covid and requirements if athletes had to remain in quarantine following the completion of the games. The decision was to use option three which I have included below.

Option 3. Hybrid. Option 3 is a mixture of option 1 and 2. First, two personnel (male, female, bilingual) would be assigned the task of providing supervision and meeting the needs of any isolated Legion team members during the event (3 – 9 August). These personnel will be provided by the Local Organizing Committee in consultation with Dominion Command. Following the event dates, any Provincial Command that has members of their team still in isolation will be required to leave behind an appropriate chaperone (male, female) to provide supervision of the member(s) and an escort home to their province of residence. Therefore, Provincial Commands would need to ensure that their chaperones are aware that they may be required to conduct this task.

A motion was also brought forward and carried with regards to Dominion Sports coming up with a COVID safety plan and to pass it on to the provinces for use at their events.

Other discussions came up that said some provinces may not be able to attend based on the COVID protocols for their province or local area. This could result in the qualifying events not being able to be run. Ontario was one that worried they may not be able to attend.

At the Dominion sports meeting held 30 March 2022 the Dominion Sports Committee was informed that Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador opted out of participating, athletes in these provinces will be informed that they can still participate in the open category.

The theme for the Nationals will be the 80th Anniversary of the Dieppe Raid.

Cadet Legion Medal of Excellence

Application deadline has just passed for the members of the cadet corps in the province. Mrs. Eddie Matthews from the Army Cadet league called saying there could be difficulties as COVID has limited the cadets in the citizenship activities. Over the course of the last 2 years most cadets corps ceased from March 2020 to Jan 2021 and then went virtual for most of 2021.

My suggestion was to have the cadets write a bio on their citizenship activities, as many take part in volunteering with other organizations and at their local schools. Not sure Mrs. Matthews was keen. At our unit this is exactly what the cadets do.

I have yet to see a list of applications submitted for the 2021-2022 cadet training year. As I previously stated at council, I think we need to take a more active role in the selection process. That being said I, would like to put forth a recommendation:

Recommendation that the Legion medal of excellent applications include the cadets training records as; at least on the army side they need 45 hours of volunteering for their levels of the National Star of excellence. I also recommend that we should add that a bio of the cadet's volunteer service be attached as written by the cadet or letters from organizations that they volunteer at within their communities.

I respectfully submit this report and move its adoption

Patti Paul
District 3 Commander
Youth Committee Chairperson

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Thanks to our excellent response to the presentation of Seminars at our last 2 Conventions we are pleased to present 2 seminars this year.

One is for the Deputy District Commanders, Zone Commanders and their Deputies. This will be presented by the District Commanders and if requested the Command Officers. This will deal with the proper completion and use of the forms used by our Commanders. This will include an explanation of their duties as Command Members.

The second is a Membership Seminar for all attendees. The special feature of this seminar is that we will have a Zoom link to our Dominion Command Membership Committee Coordinator Randy Haley and we will be connected up for you to ask questions regarding Membership to Randy. Those of you who attended the Membership Seminar in Winnipeg will know how knowledgeable and approachable he is. We feel this should be a great asset for our branch membership committees.

After the election I made a promise that I would focus part of my time on Leadership. In 2019 I formed a Leadership Committee to try and guide our Commanders and Branch Officers on our duties and the procedures we can and need to follow to get the flow of information moving back and forth and that we are operating according to the policies of The Royal Canadian Legion. This Committee consisted of Comrade Dick Wells Past President, Comrade John Pott Past President, Comrade Peter Piper Provincial Chairman Past President, Comrade Chad Wagner and myself.

The first comment I heard when we first met was `` What took you so long`` and away we went.

Comrades here are the items that the Leadership Committee came up with and agreed to for the way forward for our Leadership Meetings.

1/ We need to start at the bottom and work up. We start with Zone Commanders and their Deputies and go to the top including Council.

2/ We would count on the District Commander to find a central spot in their District that could hold up to 100 Comrades. After the dates and places are approved by Command the District Commanders will contact all their Zone Commanders and each Zone Commander will contact every branch in their Zone.

3/ We would invite comrades from each District. District Commander and Deputy, the Zone Commander and Deputy all the branch presidents and their branch secretaries.

- 4/ We need to review the past programs for ideas and update them to meet the present.
- 5/ All District Commanders should contact their Deputies and Zone Commanders monthly by phone or text.
- 6/ The Zone Commanders should contact the branches monthly as well just to touch bases with them either by phone or email. We hear that some are now putting out a newsletter to their branches.
- 7/ The reports from the above calls will be forwarded to Command and the Provincial President.
- 8/ The Zone Commander Branch Visitation Sheets need to be reviewed and redone.
- 9/ The Branches need to be given a form so that they can list any problems they are having and this form goes to the Comrade that can help resolve the problem. A copy also goes to the Provincial President. There must be follow up to ensure the problem is resolved.
- 10/ The District Commanders should send out a letter of congratulations to each Comrade being elected to an Office in the Zone.
- 11/ We need to stress to the District and Zone Commanders that they must share the duties 50/50.
- 12/ We must Stress again and again who can join The Royal Canadian Legion and explain the Categories of Membership.
- 13/ We will rework the Branch Brochures and send them to the branches.
- 14 There will be manuals printed and given to all Commanders, Deputies and a manual for each Branch attending the Meetings. These manuals will be passed on to the next in line.
- 15/ We have a deadline for Mid January to get the data ready.
- 16/ We will host a trial run of the program by the presenters and get feedback on the program. The Trial was on Jan. 31 at the Command Office with 12 attendees.

These programs were held in:

District 1 in Stoughton Branch #133 Feb. 15, 2020

District 2 Swift Current Branch #56 Mar. 1, 2020

District 3 in Battleford Branch #9 Feb. 29, 2020

District 4 in Melfort Branch #30 Feb. 9, 2020

I would like to thank all the Command Officers, District Commanders, Branch Members and especially the Committee who gave so freely of their time and effort who came out and made each of them such a Success.

Not all of these recommendations have been completed but many have.

How many Branches here have attended the Meetings? How many use them or have used them? How many still have the manual and know where it is?

Since this time Comrades Paul, Chad and Nathan have prepared videos on the uses of the Poppy Funds as well as the Virtual Presentation of the First Poppy to the Lieutenant Governor in 2020. They are also working on some others as well.

I would like to thank the Committee for their hard work and dedication they put into the preparing and presentation of the new manual.

Also, a thank you to our excellent, caring staff of Comrades Chad, Tara, Desirae, Paul and Kim. You are great.

I so Move my Report:

Keith Andrews

Saskatchewan President

Leadership Chair

Committee Members: Comrade Dick Wells Past President, Comrade Peter Piper, Command Chairman, Past President, Comrade John Pott Past President.

SPORTS REPORT

Hello Comrades All,

As you are all aware our Membership Sports Program has certainly taken a hit throughout the COVID 19 pandemic. Between our, on again, off again mode of operations it has been extremely frustrating and disappointing for everyone.

Literally on the eve of the 2020 Provincial Cribbage competition we were shut down and played much of the rest of the year by ear taking our lead from decisions put forth by Dominion Command.

The one bright light we had was that due to it being an outdoor sport we were able to hold Provincial Golf in Melville in 2020, Meadow Lake in 2021 and Prince Albert in 2022. So, we were happy to at least get to do that.

Behind the actual sports competitions, Comrade Nathan spearheaded a campaign to find sponsors for new sports plaques as many of the existing ones were filled and needed to be replaced while other categories had changed making some plaques no longer required. Thank you, Nathan for taking on this task.

Our committee became quite efficient at conducting our business by Zoom meeting and through email communications. We were very effective at receiving input, having discussions, and making the necessary decisions by email. Thank you, team.

One of the items we were tasked to deal with at the 2019 convention was the implementation of Shuffleboard as a Provincial Sport. We have made some progress on this and continue to put together the criteria required for competition play. One of the hurdles we have encountered is that although several branches have shuffleboard tables, some have bank boards while some have straight boards and not many branches have more than board of each type. This would restrict the branches that would be able to host a Provincial competition. Our committee will continue to work on getting a program in place for the 2023 season.

With our current standings we anticipate that we will be proceeding full steam ahead in 2023 with our full sports program. So again, I urge any branches wishing to host a particular sport please forward a letter of your intent to the Command Office.

I know that throughout the pandemic there were branches who were looking to host various sports only to have the rug pulled out from underneath them when the program was shut down. My apologies for these events and I sincerely hope this has in no way deterred any branch from

applying again. We appreciate the understanding of branches and individual members who were affected by the outcomes of decisions required.

At this time, I would like to thank the members of the Sports Committee, Nathan Hofmeister, Darrell Webster, Sharen Erickson, Patti Paul and Lavern Sobus. We also welcome Cde Allan Hodgson to the table. As always, much of the follow through and leg work falls onto Chad and his team Desirae, Tara, Paul and Kim, our Command Office Staff. Thank you each one for your contributions to this committee and to the program.

I respectfully submit this report

Roberta Taylor
Sports Chairman

Locations and Dates of Future Sporting Events

2023 dates and hosts have not been determined. Although we have had interest for the following:

	2023	2024
Golf		
Curling	Carlyle	Moose Jaw
Darts	Maple Creek	Nipawin
Cribbage	Elrose	
Bowling		
8-Ball	Estevan	

2020 Financials

	Revenue	Expenses	Gain/Loss
Golf	\$ 1428.00	\$ 520.02	\$ 907.98
Curling	\$ 1050.00	\$ 358.57	\$ 691.43
Darts	\$ 1044.00	\$ 519.05	\$ 524.95
Cribbage	\$ 5169.00	\$ 861.67	\$ 4307.33
Bowling			
8-Ball			

2021 Financials

	Revenue	Expenses	Gain/Loss
Golf	\$ 0.00	\$ 880.14	\$ - 880.14
Curling			
Darts			
Cribbage			
Bowling			
8-Ball			

2022 Financials

	Revenue	Expenses	Gain/Loss
Golf	\$ 0.00	\$ 1158.01	\$ - 1158.01
Curling			
Darts			
Cribbage			
Bowling			
8-Ball			

Provincial Curling Statistics

* no longer bound by District boundaries (2017)

2022	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Regular	8	6		6	4	7	5	12	5		
Mixed	2	2		2	3	2	1	1			
Masters	3	4		4	2	1	2		2		
Total Teams	13	12	11	12	9	10	8	19	7	0	0

Provincial Cribbage Statistics

2022		District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	Total						
Open												
Closed												
Total		0	0	0	0	0						
		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Players		389	349	315	269	281	300	341	341	0	0	0

Provincial Darts Statistics

2022		District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	Total						
Open												
Closed												
Total		0	0	0	0	0						
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Total Players		123	138	83	85	88	101	108	0	0	0	

Provincial Bowling Statistics

*** Not available at time of print

2022		District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	Total						
Golden Age												
Regular												
Total		0	0	0	0	0						
		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Players		89	72	61	28	40	46	47	0	0	0	0

Provincial 8-Ball Statistics

	2022								
	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	Total				
Total									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Total Teams	0	0	2	7	6	0	0	0	

Provincial Golf Statistics

	2022										
	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	Total						
Total	20	10	9	28	67						
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Teams	187	166	176	165	181	155	153	75	51	50	67

RITUAL, AWARDS, AND PROTOCOL REPORT

No report available at time of printing.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

At the last Convention we were in the process of purchasing our new building and working through the design phase of the new building.

Council had decided that since there were some problems with the roof we would update the entire roof with a superior membrane that would be more suitable. We finalized the design of the interior and we hired a contractor.

We found that a number of the prices for materials were over our budget and we looked for alternatives.

Comrade Chad went on the hunt and was able to secure a number of things that would suit our needs. There were a number of carpet tiles in the old building that would be suitable for use in the new building. He found a company that supplied us with ceramic tiles free. A number of businesses were renovating and we were able to get work desks for free and our reception desk at a very good price. Regina Co-op Hardware Store donated the paint at no cost. Here are many other people and businesses that donated either money or merchandise to us. There will be a more complete listing as an addendum to this report. His latest acquisition is the new sitting area in the reception lobby, it is beautiful.

We needed to make the building Handicap Assessable, and the preference was a lift at the front of the building. Chad was tasked to get prices and information on the cost and requirements for a lift.

After the quotes were in it was decided to purchase a chair lift and have it installed inside the rear door due to cost, ease of installation and parking at the front of the building.

During this period Covid-19 attacked and we had our staff work from home. This gave us the opportunity to move things in the old building for preparation of our move and the staff came in and prepared and cleaned the old building for sale. This was done under strict provincial Covid-19 restrictions.

In July Members of Council and our staff came in and did a super cleanup of the accumulated documents and assorted articles that have accumulated over the many years at the new office.

We had hoped to have a scaled down Grand Opening but with restrictions it was put on hold.

There was a problem with the insulation at the front of the building and we needed to have it repaired and it is now much warmer in the front offices.

We have sold the old building to a community group and they have done renovations and have changed it drastically and have children and family groups come in. After one of our Council Meetings Chad had arranged a visit to the old building and those of us that attended were so very impressed with the changes to the building and the excellent space the people that come here have to relax and visit.

I would like to thank the staff who suffered through all the changes and trials and tribulations of the move and working from home and all the other things we ask of you. Thank You.

All the Comrades who attended the cleanup and move thanks a lot and especially Comrade Ken Box for all the Mr. Fix It work he has done and is still doing Thanks.

I MOVE my report,

Keith Andrews

Saskatchewan Command President

Building Committee Chair

Committee Members: First Vice President Carol Pederson and District 1 Commander

Darrell Webster



Thank
you

Thank you to everyone who helped us with our new building.

- Colliers International
- William Neher and Associates
- Seal it Up Roofing
- Welldone Plumbing and Heating
- P.S. Engineering
- John's Construction
- Co-op Hardware
- Floor Show
- Hello Baby
- Hello Delivery
- Prairie Mobility
- Co-operators
- Channel Letter Warehouse and Sign Trek
- Konica Minolta
- LS Security
- Ken Box

Other Donations made in memory of:

- Master Corporal Andrew Deveau
- Private Oskar (Lyle) Wagner
- Lance Corporal Florence (Burton) Andrews CWAC
- Trooper George Andrews XII Manitoba Dragoons



PROVINCIAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

At the time of writing this report, plans are being drafted for a Province wide membership campaign. It is my most sincere hope that everyone has participated in it, and that it was an astounding success. It is my goal to be compiling numbers and to be providing you with results at convention.

Below is a chart showing the pattern of decline of Saskatchewan Commands annual membership over the past 20 years. A continuous drop in membership of @ 500 members per year.

2000 18,705

2002 17,684

2004 16,170

2006 14,846

2008 13,615

2010 12,770

2012 12,088

2014 11,186

2015 10,846

2016 10,399

2017 9310

July 04, 2022, 8305

The Paid Membership Summary 2021 vs July 04, 2022

Sask. Command Holding Branch 155 remained at 155

District 1 2460 – down to 2237

District 2 2065 – down to 1911

District 3 2220 – down to 2051

District 4 2249 – down to 1951

Total 8794 – down to 8305

Historically the Sask. Command Membership Report compares data from the 2-year term between conventions. I felt it was important to look at the larger picture. The long-term

pattern clearly shows our reality. Comrades, the writing is on the wall! Our sustainability is being challenged by changing times and by our complacency. We need to act, and we need to act now! Change is on the horizon, one way or another!

Dominion Command membership committee have consistently initiated many new and innovative membership tools, which are promoted and presented in their all-branch e-mails, in the Legion magazine, in mail outs and at every possible opportunity.

1. Legion Membership Portal- was created to modernize and simplify renewals for branches and to save them both time & money.
2. Personal on-line renewal is available to all members.
3. Automatic Renewal option is available to all members.
4. 5-year renewal incentive is available to all members.
5. Member Benefit Program comes free with membership.
6. Member Benefit Partners Program free with membership.
7. Automated Calls to Legion Membership
8. Digital Membership Card coming this fall, downloadable to a mobile wallet. Available as an option, not mandatory. Cards will continue to be issued. An e-mail address is a necessity to participate.
9. VETERAN'S FAMILY WELCOME PROGRAM IS BEING EXPANDED- One year membership, free for the taking for all retired & serving military, RCMP, including spouses, children & parents.
10. A simplified application form which can, if a Branch chooses, replace the installation ceremony.
11. Collection of every Branch e-mail address and every member's e-mail address. Vital for communication.
12. Lifetime Honorary memberships for Silver Cross Mothers and Memorial Cross recipients.

At the Dominion Level, I am excited to report that membership is growing for the first time in 30 years. Therefore Comrades, it can be done.

I would like to thank all Branch Membership Chairs, all Zone and District Commanders, our Command Staff as well as everyone who has assisted with membership in anyway. It has been an honour to serve as your Membership Chair for Sask. Command and to attend the DC Membership committee meetings of the whole.

Yours in Comradeship,

Carol A. Pedersen, Chairman

Committee members: Comrade Keith Andrews and Comrade Lavern Sobus (April 2022)

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND OUTREACH REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

Over the past 3 years there has been many success stories of innovative ways branches found to keep their branches viable. Much good work in assisting veterans which all too often goes unnoticed by our communities and just as often by our own membership.

Following the outbreak of COVID 19 in the spring of 2020 things were chaotic at first as branches looked to Provincial Commands for reaction and Provincial Commands looked to the guidance of Dominion Command to follow their lead. Though it was a time of concern for how branches would continue to keep their doors open as well as how we would be able to continue to do the good work for our veterans, youth, and our communities.

A 5 question Angus Reed poll was distributed which identified the following:

1. There was a lower awareness of The Royal Canadian Legion as well as a less positive perception in Quebec compared to the rest of Canada
2. Quebec has a less perceived relevance/value of The Royal Canadian Legion among younger Canadians (18-34 yrs.)
3. TV skews were considerably higher in Saskatchewan and Manitoba while radio was higher in the Atlantic. Ontario showed a higher rating with "other" media forms.

This demonstrated that there were no 1 size fits all when it came to reaching the target audience throughout the nation.

While the pandemic carried on, stories of branches goodwill by helping food banks; shelters; delivering necessities, groceries etc. were shared in abundance to demonstrate the resilience of our organization and its members. Though many branches suffered substantially, they continue to fund ways to reach out and assist those who need a hand through difficult times and circumstances.

We learned that we were able to step up our ability to conduct business in a more technical/electronic format with many branches and committees continuing to do business via Zoom or Team's meetings. We were even able to successfully manage our electronic Dominion Convention in August of 2021. Demonstrating that under the most difficult of circumstances we can rise to the challenges and find our way through to keep going.

With branch's ability to generate revenue being compromised many Saskatchewan Branches faced difficult times in being able to meet their financial responsibilities. After providing a \$100,000 to assist with Veterans Service Clubs, the Government of Saskatchewan realized the true benefit that was derived for our Veterans and our communities. In 2021 the amount was increased to \$1.5M and additionally the same amount was offered in 2022. We hope to prove to the people of Saskatchewan that this money goes a long way to assisting branches to not only keep their doors open but, in many cases, to address the much-needed repair,

maintenance and general upkeep of many of the buildings that are beneficial to our various communities.

Throughout the pandemic we continued to foster our relationship with FP Genetics in naming seed varieties after well deserving Veterans. Again, this is a program we hope to continue to grow seeing many more Veterans recognized.

The Legion provided advocacy for such things as investigation into the allegations of Sexual Harassment in the Canadian Armed Forces and wait times for Veterans in need of services through Veterans Affairs and the need to provide Mental Health Care without waiting periods. Yes, even through a worldwide pandemic the Legion continued to advocate for those in need.

In 2021 we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Poppy although only a few Remembrance Day Services were open to the public. Many however were either live streamed or recorded to be provided to the public.

Though the face of business may have looked different over the past 3 years, we came through it. Did it have a cost? Of course, it did...not being able to have the doors to our Branches open, and not being able to welcome people inside took its toll on recruitment and retention. We have a lot of ground to make up and the Public Relations Committee is ready to work with the Membership and Leadership Committees to once again reach out to regain our strength.

I would like to recognize and thank committee members Nathan Hofmeister and Elise Paul for your availability to step in and attend a meeting when I was not. To Chad and the Command Office Staff for all their assistance and prep work good job everyone!

I respectfully submit my report

Roberta Taylor
Public Relations and Outreach Chairman

DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER'S REPORT

Greetings all,

District 1 remains with 4 Zones comprised of 43 branches and 2217 members. This is down from last year and down from 2271 members reported to the 2019 Provincial Convention. The ongoing loss of members is a concern to all, and we are trying to address the matter in many ways.

Our District continues to hold Zone and District Rallies on an annual basis enjoying more opportunities to bring our membership together. We hold 2 Zone Commanders meetings each year as well, which keeps us all in touch with what is transpiring within our District.

Cribbage and Golf remain strong within our District with some participation in Darts and 8 Ball as well. We continue to work to bring out more participants in these sports as we feel it is a good opportunity for some competitive comradeship.

We judged 3981 entries in the Poster and Literary Contest. Though this number was down this year, the caliber of the work was astounding. We are disappointed in the number of entries being received at the senior level and are encouraging our branches to reach out to the high schools in their area. We recognize the importance of each branch following up with the schools to ensure that they are getting the tools they need to continue to assist us with this program.

One of the Highlights of the year was being able to present the First-place winner in the Junior Colour National poster contest, April Ferner with her cheque and plaque at a school wide assembly at the Indian Head Elementary School.

We would also like to recognize Pierze Stewart of Lumsden who won 3rd place in the Primary Black and white Poster contest at the National Level.

The past three years have been challenging for all our branches but as we get back to normalcy, we see good things happening at branches across the district.

I attended the rededication of the Memorial at Summerberry, what a beautiful way to celebrate the community's fallen.

I acted as Provincial Rep for the Provincial Golf in Meadow Lake 2021 and the Provincial golf in Prince Albert in 2022 Both were well run events and an excellent job done by the host branches.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all of those who join me around our District Council table:

Deputy District: Ray Coderre
Zone Commanders: Nedra Clark, Leila Hofmeister, Brian Morris and Patricia Ohnander
Deputy Zone Commanders: Don Bourassa, Trevor Bancarz, and Ross Corkish
District Treasurer – Sharren Dukart.
District Secretary: Hertha McLean.

This is a great team that is pleased and honored to represent the members of this District and we all thank you for having the faith in us to represent you in our Legion business.

Our Provincial Command: Comrades Chad, Desirae Kim, Paul and Tara. What a great group of people to work with and who work diligently assist each of us with our day-to-day requirements. Thank you.

Again, thank you all for the time and consideration you have given to this great organization.

Respectfully submitted

Darrell Webster
District 1 Commander

DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER'S REPORT

District 2 is composed of 38 active branches with a membership of 1898 as of June 6, 2022, down 168 members from 2021. Sadly, Herschel branch has made the difficult decision to surrender their Charter.

Our branches are returning to pre pandemic activities. Sports are well attended by Zones 1,2 and 3. Zone 4 has limited sports activity.

The Poster & Literacy saw some extraordinary entries submitted. Entries for 2021 increased by 511 from 2020. Arrika Hague's entry from Elrose Branch for Senior Essay placed 1st at Dominion level.

Since being elected in June 2021 I have attended:

1 Unofficial Zone 2 Rally

1 Zone Commander's meeting

2 Provincial Council meetings in person and 1 Zoom meeting

2 Provincial Committee meetings

4 official Zone Rallies

1 District Rally

Outlook Branch dedication of their new Veteran Memorial Park

Craik Branch Platinum Jubilee Celebration

I would like to thank the Zone and Deputy Zone Commanders for their work and Provincial Council members and Command staff for their assistance and support.

This report is respectfully submitted and I move its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Erickson

District 2 Commander

DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER'S REPORT

I bring greetings to all our comrades from the branches in District Three and hope we have a successful business session.

Comrades 2020 and 2021 has definitely been a challenging year for the Legion due to the COVID pandemic. It has forced us to remain active in new and imaginative ways. In some cases, it has moved our branches into the modern age of technology in order to maintain contact with their branch members.

It is nice to see that we are getting back to a new normal as the pandemic seems to have released its grip on us.

Zone Rallies

At the time of this report District 3 completed all zone rallies. Due to the pandemic, it took from Sept 2020 to May 2022 to get the rallies done. As a result, Zone 1,3 and 4 Zone Commanders and Deputies took on a 2- or 3-year term to keep the rallies in the even years.

Zone 2 had been without a Zone and Deputy Zone Commander through most of the pandemic. During this time My Deputy Wayne Goldsworthy and myself attempted to keep in contact with the Zone 2 branches.

I am pleased to welcome Lorne Kohlman as the new Zone 2 Commander and Stan Pitura as the new Zone 2 Deputy Zone Commander. In discussion with Lorne and Stan, I can tell these two gentlemen are keen to get to work for their zone.

Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day

All branches indicated that they would take part in the campaign, the bigger centers saw losses in some in store POS and table setups due to COVID. All believe that this campaign will take a major hit this year which will reduce the dollars to assist in their communities.

During the zone rallies branches indicated that they would do everything in their power to conduct some form of Remembrance Day services. Most with reducing numbers and some branches deciding to do drive-by wreath laying. Zone One, the Saskatoon indoor service was cancelled for both 2020 and 2021, the committee conducted a very reduced service at the Hugh Cairns Armoury in 2020 and at HMCS Unicorn in 2021. There were only Gov't and Legion branches and Anavets wreaths laid. The remaining purchased wreaths were identified by the names being scrolled across the screen at the end of the service. This service was pre-recorded and in 2020 included scenes from last years parade. In 2021 we were able to produce a moving tribute involving the Poem in Flander's Field where a poppy was passed down from a war vet thru Korea and Afghanistan vets to an Army, Air and Sea cadet. A very moving moment depicting the passing of remembrance from old to new. The services aired several times during the day on various media platforms.

Poem Poster and Essay

COVID caused some issues with the poem poster and essay contest as many schools would not let comrades in to promote the contest. At rallies and zone commander conferences we discussed ways to try and get the message out. These included

- a. contacting local youth groups like cadets, scouts, guides and 4H groups,
- b. putting the literacy info into local newspapers, and
- c. putting the information on branch newsletters and Facebook pages.

But the reality is there was a drastic drop in the number of entries in the zones

Year/zone	2019	2020	+/-
Zone 1			
Zone 2			
Zone 3	1843	1331	-512
Zone 4	2779	1830	-949

I want to commend the branches that worked and increased their numbers in 2020:

Branch 13 +7
Branch 192 +15
Branch 73 +1

Year/zone	2020	2021	+/-
Zone 1	116	183	+ 67
Zone 2	1080	1099	+ 19
Zone 3	2116	2244	+ 128
Zone 4	1331	1425	+ 94

I want to commend the branches that worked and increased their numbers in 2021:

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
	Br146 +28	Br39 +397	Br136 + 8
	BR138 +149	Br73 +42	Br70 +43
			Br 9 +21
			Br 79 +19
			Br182 +72
			Br 132 + 71

Membership

Membership continues to be an issue within the district. In 2021 I instituted a membership drive with prizes for early bird entries, new membership draws as well as a draw for members who signed a new member up. The prize money comes from the District Commander's fund as money was not expended for sporting prizes, and it was felt that a membership drive might support getting new members into the branches. I again instituted a membership drive in 2022 with prizes for new membership draw as well as a draw for members who signed a new member up. Only 4 branches in 2 zones entered the contest which resulted in 28 new members. I had asked each branch to try and recruit 3 new members. If successful this would have resulted in 120 new members. We did get 28 new members so a 23% increase as a result of the contest. Total percentage of membership as of April 2022 in District 3 is 85.94

Big congratulations to the branches who increased their membership above 100%

Zone 2 – 88 Kerrobert 104.76%, 138 Biggar 106.25%

Zone 3 – 013 North Star, St Walburg 133.33%

I want to congratulate the branches in the District who have 100% in memberships

Zone 1 – 271 Viscount, 326 Asquith

Zone 2 – 139 Wilke and District, 146 Luseland, 177 Plenty

Zone 4 – 079 Leask, 116 Speers, 182 Spiritwood

Sports

Thanks to the pandemic, sports were cancelled for the 2020 2021 and 2022, except for Provincial Golf. Only Branch 362 from Saskatoon submitted names. Many branches indicated they do not take part in the sporting events due to the age of the members and many of them not traveling anymore.

Ritual and Awards

Since the last convention I have submitted 13 applications for life memberships from branches. From the branch visit reports it is evident that many members are commended for their services and work within the branch.

Activities of the District 3 Commanders

Since the last Convention COVID stopped many of us in our tracks. Visits meetings and events were cancelled which reduced getting out to the branches. The Legion moved quickly to the beat and jumped on board to learn Zoom and Teams so we could still carry on with the business of helping our veterans.

Activities I attended or took part in include:

2021

Aug Zoom Dominion Convention

9 Dec – Funeral Legion Rites for Otto Ulrich 103 yr. old WWII veteran

11 Dec – TVS Branch 78 Executive Luncheon

14 Dec – Membership Zoom Meeting

2022

7 Jan – conducted joint installation of officers for Branch 63,362 and TVS Branch 78

8 Jan – attended TVS Branch 78 Meeting

2 Feb – chaired the track and Field Meeting

10 Feb – attended Dominion Sports meeting via zoom

12 Feb – conducted installation of 3 executive members and a 1st Vice President at TVS Branch 78

12 Mar – attended TVS Branch 78 meeting

24 Mar – Veterans Funeral for Gordon Arthur Smith

24 Apr – Zone 2 Rally Branch 88 Kerrobert

14-15 May – Council Meetings

28 May – Laying of Crosses at Soldiers Field Saskatoon

6 Jun – Saskatoon Decoration Day Service

22 Jun – Nation Awards Presentation for Literacy and Poster in Cut Knife

Branch Visits

Many branches shut down and were not conducting meetings due to the COVID pandemic. Zone commanders were told to touch base with branches and complete phone visits if branches are not open or meeting because of the pandemic. It now appears that most if not all branches are up and running again.

Many of them having utilized the grants program to offset costs. Our District did not lose a branch due to COVID.

I want to thank my Deputy District Commander and all my Zone Commanders and Deputies for their hard work over the past 3 years. Provincial Council members thank you for your guidance during these 3 years. To Command staff thank you for your dedication to council, your duties, and the veterans we serve.

To the new council to be elected much success in your terms of office.

I respectfully submit this report and move for its adoption.

Patti Paul
District 3 Commander

DISTRICT 4 COMMANDER'S REPORT

Good morning or afternoon comrades all. My report will be a short one as I was just elected on April 24, 2022. On April 24 I attended Z4 D4 rally in Hudson Bay following the Zone rally we had lunch and then went right into our District rally. It was at this rally I was elected a District Commander of District 4. I look forward to working with my Deputy District Commander comrade Colin Reise of Br #2 Prince Albert as well as Zone Commanders within District 4. Zone 1 Commander comrade Halley Hiltz, Zone 2 Commander comrade Karen Tyacke, Zone 3 Commander Brenda Cripps and Zone 4 Commander Rodger Pedersen.

On May 12,13,14, I attended council meetings in Regina where I got to meet all council members in person. The evening of Wednesday June 1, I took part in a zoom meeting with all council members taking part.

So, in closing my short report I want to be say a big thank you to comrade Chad and all of his office staff.

Respectfully submitted by

Allan Hodgson
District 4 Commander

TVS/TVA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

TVS Branch 78 has once again begun in-person meetings. In Sept 2021 the branch moved again from Saskatoon Branch 63 to Christ Church Anglican Church. Meetings continue to be held on the second Saturday of the month from 10am to noon.

I am pleased to say that TVS Branch 78 were finally able to host our awards banquet in person in May of this year. While there was only a small crowd of 25 members we enjoyed good fellowship, held silent auctions and toonie draws, years of service pins were presented, and our pulmonary fund donated \$2000.00 to the Jim Patterson's Children's Hospital to assist the pediatric cystic fibrosis unit with equipment. Some of these children belong to veterans in our community.

In honor of the 100th year of the poppy Comrade Mandy McGregor Donated a poppy afghan to be raffled off. \$900.00 was raised and the winner has donated the prize back to the branch for another draw to further assistance to veterans.

Comrade Patti Paul also sent an afghan to the branch for a draw. This was a spring purple and white flower motif. Over \$300.00 was raised for this draw that was held June 1st.

11 members of the branch attended our first Remembrance Day Church Parade at Christ Church Anglican Church, new home to TVS Branch 78. The service was officiated by our branch Padre Peter Coolen. Flags were flown and wreaths laid by surviving members of veterans of the congregation, the District Commander, and the Branch Padre.

National TVS/TVA held its virtual convention in conjunction with the Virtual Dominion Convention in August. The New President is Peter Merola. He will now represent National TVS at the Dominion Command Table.

There has been little activity from National TVS since the convention. Due mostly in part to the ongoing pandemic. We have had one zoom meeting where we were informed that there was a new TVS branch in Vancouver BC. It is the Shalom Branch. This brings the TVS up to 4 branches in Canada. There was a discussion on Educational Awards. Membership was also discussed with possible ways on increasing the TVS memberships at the branches across Canada.

Recently 2 articles appeared in the Star Phoenix regarding TB. The first described the outbreak in the North and that it need to be seen as a national emergency. This outbreak is affecting all ages in the north. The outbreak has rocked the north putting the province on the defensive in the long war against this disease. They have found 48 cases in the small community with over 500 considered high-risk contacts.

The initial signs are sometimes confused with the common cold or even covid. Tuberculosis is treatable and curable. Within weeks of treatment people are no longer infectious.

A second article identified two communities Fond du Lac and Black Lake Denesuline First Nations. 40 people tested positive. In 2021 Saskatchewan reported 112 new TB cases. The

pandemic has impacted the response to how cases might have been missed, thus allowing for high transmission rates in the communities.

As a result, the TVS Branch 78 looked at possible ways to assist the north with the TB outbreak. As of this report we have not had success in finding a coordinator to advise us on how we could assist with the TB outbreak.

I respectfully submit this report and move its adoption:

Clarence Paul
Provincial TVS Rep

Non-Concurred Resolutions

RESOLUTION #4 – VETERAN'S SERVICE & SENIORS

Payouts for Pain and Suffering

WHEREAS: The Government of Canada changed the way disability compensation is paid to Veterans and Canadian Armed Forces Members from a system of "ongoing monthly payments" to a "one time cash settlement" system

WHEREAS: Recipients with physical and emotional challenges, as a result of their service, are not being adequately provided for in the long term

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Royal Canadian Legion Command make every effort to influence the Government of Canada in what methods may be possible and appropriate to immediately stop the present "Cash Settlement" system of compensation to injured Military Personnel and revert to a system of ongoing monthly payments made to injured Military

Central Butte Branch #213, Carried at District 2 Zone 4 Rally

NON-CONCURRED

Reason: Currently, by default, any compensation for Pain and Suffering is paid out on a monthly basis directly to the Veteran that is entitled. They have the option of receiving the funds as a one time cash settlement. Along with that, they receive \$500 for financial planning to determine the course of action best suited for them. Each situation is different and allowing the option is in the best interest of the Veteran. The acceptance of this resolution would be a step backwards for Veterans rights.

RESOLUTION #5 – POPPY

Special Use of Poppy Funds - Descendants

WHEREAS: The Poppy funds are for veterans and their families including descendants such as spouses, children, grand children, and great grand children.

WHEREAS: Some non profit organizations direct support veterans and their families with their spouses

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Poppy manual be amended to allow Special Use Funds to be used to donate up to 10% of current balance to non profit organizations that benefit veterans and their families including spouses, children, grandchildren, and great-grand children.

Prince Albert Branch #002, Carried at District Rally

NON-CONCURRED

Reason: This resolution is too general. Permitting all NPO's would allow for just about any organization to seek funding from the Legion. There are organizations like the United Way that are out there for this reason. This resolution essentially would allow Cancer society, Diabetes Canada, Telemiracle, the list goes on. Although they may support Veterans, this isn't their priority. Our main objective is to support Veterans and their families as directly as we can. We already work with a number of Veteran centric organizations and continue to add to the list.

RESOLUTION #6 - POPPY

Carlyle Benches and Flags

WHEREAS: The Royal Canadian Legion, strive to keep the memory alive of the 117,000 Canadian men and women who paid the supreme sacrifice in the service of Canada during war and on subsequent operations since Korea. This goal is achieved through our annual Poppy Campaign and the Remembrance Day services organized by this great organization throughout the country.

WHEREAS: Dominion Command is responsible for researching, creating, publishing and distributing poppy

WHEREAS: Dominion Command does this as a nation, and Legion branches in communities would like to research, create, publish, and distribute tributes to local veterans of their areas.

WHEREAS: be the best to know and honour those men and woman in their communities.

WHEREAS: communities with legion branches would like to be able to honour our veterans that have passed on or living by honouring them by using poppy fund to purchase a banner or park benches

WHEREAS: Many of the veterans gave the ultimate sacrifice or the ones that did make it home have family that is still in the communities, are great supporters of the Poppy campaign. These veterans left not only their family but communities to go fight for our freedom

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Royal Canadian Legion change the poppy fund special use expenditure to allow legion branches with prior approval of Provincial command office to create publish and/or distribute a banner, park bench, ect, to honour our veterans passed and present in our local communities

Carlyle Branch #248, Carried at Carlyle Meeting

NON-CONCURRED

Reason: Although Remembrance is a major part of our Mission Statement it does not necessarily mean that we can deplete the Poppy Trust funds to do so. Monuments might be the most significant physical form of Remembrance. There must be a limit in terms of how much funding can be used for them. Flags, benches and banners have a shorter lifespan and would need to be replaced often. They will often be removed for a period of time and not on display for the public at all times. Furthermore, they must also recognize every Veteran and not a select few. The cost associated with these would not allow for proper resources to help Veterans in need.

RESOLUTION #7 – POPPY

Special Use of Poppy Funds – S.T.A.R.S

WHEREAS: Br#30 Melfort has, up to 2021, been donating up to \$2000.00 to the S.T.A.R.S. Program.

WHEREAS: Br#30 learned from Command that donations could not be used for Helicopter maintenance, Pilots and fuel.

WHEREAS: Donations could support the funding of certain equipment carried on board to facilitate the health and wellbeing of a patient. examples are oxygen, portable blood analyzers, ventilators, cardiac monitors, blankets and medical supplies(syringes, tubing etc) most one time use items.

WHEREAS: Recently Dominion Command has prohibited Br#30 from donating to this very worthwhile cause citing the possibility of the patient not being a Veteran.

WHEREAS: The Branch position is that the patient could be a dependent if not a Veteran and that because a life may be saved as a result of our donation, it should not be a factor in any case.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Legions be allowed to continue donating up to \$2000.00 annually from Poppy Funds to S.T.A.R.S.

Melfort Branch #003, Carried at Executive Meeting

NON-CONCURRED

Reason: This resolution is redundant. It is already permissible to donate equipment. The challenge we face is that we must ensure that Veterans and the families are using it. So far Stars is unable to or unwilling to provide data that shows how many veterans they have served. The equipment or furnishing doesn't have to be exclusive to our target, but it must be used by it. To say that there is a veteran in the area is not sufficient grounds to permit this. As the Poppy manual gets updated, the constraints will get tighter. It is important we stay focused on our mission and not provide funding to other organizations. Furthermore, it would be more beneficial to pay for ambulatory rides for veterans that cannot afford it themselves. This would be more direct to our target as well more in line with our mission.

RESOLUTION #8 – POPPY

Ukrainian Disaster Funding

WHEREAS: The Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Manual under the title "Special Use Expenditures" section 402 (h) Relief of Disasters

WHEREAS: The war in Ukraine is a disaster

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Royal Canadian Legion allow Branches wishing to donate to a Ukrainian Disaster Fund may use money from their Poppy Account.

Neville Branch #328, Carried by Zone 2

NON-CONCURRED

Reason: Relief of Disasters must be declared by our own Provincial or Federal Government. Generally speaking, it relates to natural disasters and may include terrorist attacks. A war or conflict between two other countries is not covered by this. There are many wars and conflicts between other nations that are not made as public as the Ukraine but have caused similar or greater damage. We are apolitical for a reason. Getting involved would take this stance away. Furthermore, any donations must still follow the guidance of the Poppy Manual in terms of supporting Veterans and their families. An Emergency Fund would not be in line with this.

RESOLUTION #10 – PUBLIC RELATIONS & OUTREACH

Making forms More Accessible

WHEREAS: That all forms be digital. All forms need to be under one heading that heading is called forms. Any forms with link must be in the same area.

WHEREAS: There are lots of branches that do not have a computer. Most are volunteers and work from home. They do not have hours to search for example forms.

WHEREAS: Make it simple for your Legion members to locate forms faster.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That' all forms under one heading called forms makes it easier to and more professional to find.

Kindersley Branch #057, Carried on May 4, 2022

NON-CONCURRED

Reason: This resolution would actually make forms harder to find. They are all currently available on legion.ca for any national level forms, including anything related to Poppy. The portal allows for ease of search through the search bar. As for the Provincial website, we will make efforts to clean that up and make any provincial related forms easier to find. Any resolution relating to an administration function that members feel we need to improve on should be directed to the office once the issue is raised. We do take recommendations at anytime. Not all requests will be attainable as we have many differing opinions, but we will make every effort to make all things available in a relatively easy format.

RESOLUTION #11 – PUBLIC RELATIONS & OUTREACH

Submitting Photos to Legion Magazine

WHEREAS: That all pictures no matter the years of service be in Magazine.

WHEREAS: If the picture is a Veteran and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Dominion command change there policy on pictures for the Legion Magazine. That the picture must be of a veteran.

Kindersley Branch #057, Carried on May 4, 2022

NON-CONCURRED

Reason: This resolution is not within the scope of The Royal Canadian Legion. The Legion Magazine is an entity on its own. We do not reserve any rights for editorial or content. If you have any issues with the Legion Magazine, please send those comments directly to them. Furthermore, we send all requests for photos to the magazine, they do try to place them all in there, however due to available space, not all are selected. Please continue to send in any and all content requests with the largest resolution photo that you can provide.

RESOLUTION #12 – WAYS AND MEANS

Carbon Tax for Legion Branches

WHEREAS: Sask Command submitted a resolution during Part 11 of Resolutions during the Dominion Convention in August of 2021 concerning the additional expense to branches of the charging of the Carbon Tax.

WHEREAS: It was resolved that Provincial and Dominion Commands lobby the Federal Government to exempt Legion branches from the Carbon Taxes on its utility bills.

WHEREAS: Provinces are responsible for their systems in implementing the Carbon Tax and have varying policies in this regard.

WHEREAS: Because of these variances, this is a matter to be raised provincially and was therefore non-concurred by the Dominion Executive Council.

WHEREAS: A recent branch natural gas bill reflected a Carbon Tax charge that month of over \$250 it is viewed that as the Tax rate rises branches will be additionally challenged by the Carbon Tax

WHEREAS: Royal Canadian Legion branches play vital Remembrance roles in their communities and operate as Not for Profits, this non-Poppy Fund related expense unreasonably increases their fundraising requirements

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Saskatchewan Command lobby the Saskatchewan Government to have Legion Branches exempted from the Carbon Tax on their utility requirements. In conjunction with lobbying effort by Sask Comd once commenced, branches could contribute to the effort by lobbying their constituency MLAs.

Melfort Branch #030, Carried at Melfort Branch Meeting

NON-CONCURRED

Reason: A letter has been sent to the Provincial Government on this matter already. As it is unlikely that we will see any reduction on the Carbon tax it is strongly recommended that branches apply for the Veterans Service Club grant to receive funding for newer more efficient equipment. Thus, reducing utility costs and decreasing our Carbon Footprint.

RESOLUTION #14 – WAYS AND MEANS

Ukraine Emergency Funding

WHEREAS: The Royal Canadian Legion is committed to making a difference in the lives of veterans and their families, providing essential services in our communities, and remembering the men and women who sacrificed for our country.

WHEREAS: A humanitarian crisis is unfolding in Ukraine and Branches of The Royal Canadian Legion would like to donate through their own organization The Royal Canadian Legion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That The Royal Canadian Legion establish a Ukraine Emergency Fund to help ensure people forced to flee are sheltered and safe.

Neville Branch #328, Carried by Zone 2

NON-CONCURRED

Reason: The Legion's fundraising efforts are primarily for Veterans and their families. We are synonymous with Remembrance. Furthermore, lobbying or advocating the government to accept and support refugees is beyond our mandate as an apolitical organization. We are not privy to all the processes that are involved in refugee resettlement, and we do not have any expertise in this area. Our strength is in Veterans issues, which is where we will concentrate our efforts.

It is easy for us to agree that what is going on in the Ukraine is a tragedy of immense proportions. The Legion's primary role is to provide assistance and supports to Veterans and their families. Many Veterans are struggling with the situation. For that we have enhanced our supports for those veterans impacted.

There are many NGO's working to assist refugees. They have the expertise to coordinate this support and relocation efforts and should be allowed to do so.

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WWII		Afghanistan		Militia		Affiliate	
Korean		Merchant Navy		Reserves		First Time	
Peacekeepers		RCMP		Ordinary		Oldest	
Peacetime		N.A.T.O		Associate		Youngest	

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Branch Accredited Delegates	
Command Officers	
Provincial Past Presidents	
Deputy District Commanders	
Zone Commanders	
Deputy Zone Commanders	
Total Accredited Delegates (voting strength)	
Non-Accredited Delegates	
Guests	
Command Staff	
Total Attendees	

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President	
First Vice President	

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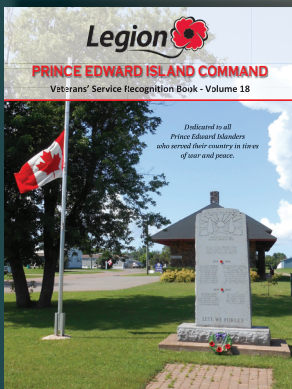
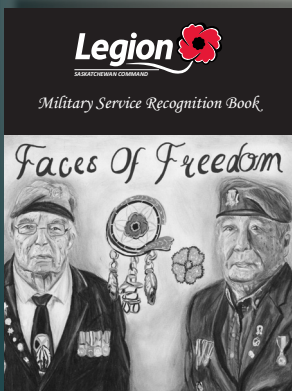
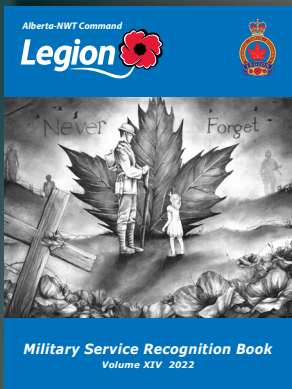
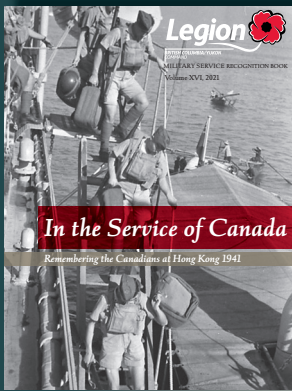


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