

**SAMPLE CITATION**  
**FOR COMRADE JOHN SMITH**

Comrade Smith has been an ordinary member of the Royal Canadian Legion for a period of 29 years. Since receiving his Life Membership in 2004, Cde. Smith has continued in his tireless efforts of volunteer service to his Branch taking on various endeavors with a vengeance. The Executive and membership of Branch 000 are very proud of his accomplishments and his dedication to his Branch.

Since receiving his Life Membership, Comrade John has continued to volunteer his service for the betterment of his Branch, Zone, District and the Royal Canadian Legion in general, all with the aims and objects of The Royal Canadian Legion being number one in his heart.

Attached you will find the application for the Life Membership and the citation.

Since receiving his Life Membership in 2004, Comrade Smith's list of accomplishments includes the following:

**OFFICES HELD**

**Branch**

2004-2005	Immediate Past President
2005-Present	Branch TAOD Chairman
2007-Present	Branch Entertainment Chairman
2007-Present	Veterans Service Officer
2008-2009	Bursary/Charitable Foundation Chairman
2007-Present	Ladies Auxiliary Liaison
2004-Present	Committee Member of Branch annual Band Tattoo
2004-2008	Master of Ceremonies for Remembrance Day Service

## Zone

2003-2005	Zone X1 Sports Officer
2005-2007	Deputy Zone X1 Commander
2007-2009	Zone X1 Commander
2009-2011	Past Zone X1 Commander

## District

2009-Present	District Service Officer/Seniors
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## Outside Legion

2003-Present	Volunteer entertainer at Senior's residences and children's parties
2003-Present	Member of local Army, Navy, Airforce Unit
2003-2009	Volunteer Head Coach of Ladies Softball Team

## HONOURS & AWARDS

- Branch Past Office Medal and Executive Bar (1996)
- Zone Past Office Medal and Bar (2005)
- District Past Office Medal and Bar (2011)
- Life Membership Award (2004)
- Various Committee Bars at Branch, Zone and District levels
- Several Certificates of Appreciation and Poppy Certificates
- Certificate of Merit (2007)
- Branch Service Medal (2009)
- Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal (2002)
- Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012)

As Branch and District Service Officer, he finds himself increasingly taxed as our older Veterans find it more difficult to navigate their way through the VAC system. His

expertise is not only put to use locally but he is also in touch with Veterans throughout the District and beyond. No Veteran goes without help where Cde. Smith is involved. He is relentless in applying and reapplying to VAC on behalf of a Veteran, with an admirable record of success.

When there is work to be done, whether it be at his Branch, Zone or District, Comrade Smith is always there to do whatever he can to help out. He continues to be a tireless, dedicated Legionnaire. He has his own country band named and when he is not involved in his duties at the Branch, Zone or District, he spends many volunteer hours sharing his talents and those of his band throughout his District at various fund-raising events. He plays free of charge in order for the Branches to raise much needed funds. He is also always organizing various musical Jamboree's and fund-raising events with his bands involvement at all of the events.

Without going into a lot more detail about his ever ending volunteer service, as you can see from the above list of his Legion involvement, he is a very dedicated and hard-working Legionnaire. He goes far and beyond the call of duty in volunteering his services for the betterment of his Branch, and its members as well as for his Zone, District and his community.

We at Branch #000 do not hesitate to highly recommend Comrade Smith for The Royal Canadian Legion's highest award, the Meritorious Service Medal.