

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.



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DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
PRE – CONVENTION MEETING
14 JUNE 2014**

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Gordon Moore	- Dominion President
Tom Eagles	- Dominion First Vice President
Dave Flannigan	- Dominion Vice President
Ed Pigeau	- Dominion Vice President
Peter Piper	- Dominion Vice President
Michael Cook	- Dominion Treasurer
Tom Irvine	- Dominion Chairman
Pat Varga	- Immediate Past Dominion President
Larry Murray	- Grand President
Angus Stanfield	- BC/Yukon Command President
Wayne Donner	- Alberta-NWT Command President
Dick Wells	- Saskatchewan Command President
Dan Kidd	- Manitoba & NWO Command President
Bruce Julian	- Ontario Command President
Norman Shelton	- Quebec Command President
Harold Harper	- Acting New Brunswick Command President
Ron Trowsdale	- NS / NU Command President
Gilles Painchaud	- PEI Command President
Ross Petten	- NFLD/LAB Command President
Clarence Paul	- TVS President
Randy Price	- Acting Chairman Defence and Security Committee
Jim Rycroft	- Chairman C & L Committee
Ron Goebel	- Chairman R & A Committee
Brian Watkins	- RCEL Representative
Marc Tremblay	- BC/Yukon Command First Vice President
Chris Strong	- Alberta/NWT Command First Vice President
Ken Box	- Saskatchewan Command First Vice President
Mel Willis	- Manitoba/NWO Command First Vice President
Brian Weaver	- Ontario Command First Vice President
Steve Wessel	- NS/NU Command First Vice President
John Yeo	- PEI Command First Vice President
Frank Sullivan	- NFLD/LAB Command First Vice President
Kandace Merola	- TVS 2nd Vice President
Hugh Greene	- Past President
Jack Frost	- Past President
Mary Ann Misfeldt	- Past President
Allan Parks	- Past President
Wilf Edmond	- Past President

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Brad White	- Dominion Secretary
Tim Murphy	- Director Finance
Ray McInnis	- Director Service Bureau
Peter Underhill	- Director Supply
Scott Ferris	- Director Marketing and Membership
Jennifer Morse	- Canvet General Manager
Angela Keeling Colkitt	- Executive Assistant

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**MINUTES FROM
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14 JUNE 2014**

1. OPENING

The meeting of the Dominion Executive Council opened at 0900 hours on 14 June 2014 in the Wedgwood Room at the Fairmont Hotel MacDonald, Edmonton, Alberta.

2. DOMINION PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

First off, I want to make a quick mention about the Governor General’s Caregiving Award. All Past Presidents’ names were submitted but only two citations were awarded due to lack of documentation of community service on the paperwork submitted. Awards went to Comrade Hugh Greene and Comrade Wilfred Edmond. Comrade Hugh was presented his award by the Lieutenant General of the Province of Alberta and Comrade Wilf was presented his award by the Governor General in Ottawa.

Comrades, as you see the agenda that we have in front of us for the DEC meeting this morning and of course the agenda for the 2014 Dominion convention starting on Monday at 8:30 am is very and exciting. I look forward to convention and will take this convention home in my heart as it is my last and finally, want to say it has been an honour to serve with each and every one of you at this level. Enjoy yourself this week.

3. GRAND PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Thanks Comrade Chair. As always it is a privilege and a pleasure to be able to participate in this important meeting and at the convention with all of you. I will keep my comments very brief this morning and restrict myself to some well-deserved thanks. Since this is Comrade Gord’s last DEC as Dominion President I did want to express my personal thanks to him as well as a huge Bravo Zulu for all his selfless dedication and superb work at the helm of this great national institution.

I hope that as you conclude your term as Dominion President Gord, you do so with pride and a great sense of accomplishment. During your watch you made a huge difference for veterans and their families and for the future of The Royal Canadian Legion. That’s not just my view but shared by many folks including the leadership of the Legion and the Canadian Armed Forces. In a recent email exchange with me Major General Dave Miller, Chief of Military Personnel, stated quote *“Gord is a stalwart champion who’s heart and soul follows in the footsteps of our serving members and veterans. His leadership helped unite the Royal Canadian Legion and the Canadian Armed Forces in an inseparable relationship that reaches beyond the Canadian Armed Forces and into communities where our members and veterans live. I most enjoyed how he continued to challenge me to do more and better and above all how he was along-side us to help do more and better”*.

I will embarrass Gord a little bit more in terms of honours and awards. Gord received a Chief of Military Personnel Command Commendation for his work on behalf of the Canadian Armed Forces

Thanks for your vision, your leadership and your dedication and your kindness Gord, it has been a real privilege to work with you. It's also been fun.

Similarly, I would like to express my deep personal appreciation to all members of DEC throughout the past two years. You are all highly dedicated and special people and it has been a real honour and great pleasure to work with each of you and in the case of provincial command presidents with your predecessors last year as well. You taught me a lot and more importantly you've always made me feel welcome and part of the team.

The wonderful support provided by Comrade Brad and the exceptional staff at Legion House has also been greatly appreciated. Thanks very much to you and your outstanding team.

I very much to look forward to continuing working with many of you following the convention but I would like to say a special thank you to Comrade Pat who will be leaving DEC from whence she arrived in 1994 your remarkable wisdom, always forthright council and strong compassionate leadership will be greatly missed at DEC, Pat.

A huge Bravo Zulu, heartfelt congratulations and many thanks for all that you have done at this table for so many years and for all that you have done and continue to do for so many of us and for so many others including countless veterans and their families. Thanks very much old friend you are a very special person.

That concludes my opening comments.

4. APPROVAL OF DEC MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes

The Dominion Executive Council last met on 21-23 February 2014. The minutes were distributed electronically.

MOTION: It was moved that the DEC minutes of 21-23 February 2014 be approved.

CARRIED

b. Review of DEC Decisions – Email Voting

The following decisions have been made electronically and are officially recorded hereunder:

i. By-Law Amendment – GBL s.602 – Branches – Restriction of Membership

MOTION: It was moved on 6 March 2014 that section 602 of The General By-Laws be removed in its entirety.

CARRIED

ii. By-Law Amendment – GBL s.221-224 – Applications for Membership

MOTION: It was moved on 5 March 2014 It is recommended that the current wording of section 221 of The General By-Laws be replaced with: “Application for membership shall be in accordance with the requirements and procedures outlined in the Membership Manual.” and that sections 222-224 inclusive be deleted.

CARRIED

5. UPDATED BANKING RESOLUTIONS

Approval is required for the ratification of the signing officers of The Royal Canadian Legion together with the banking arrangements.

MOTION: It was moved that DEC approve the removal of Andrea Siew from the list of secondary signatories and replace her with Mr. Raymond McInnis, the new Director Service Bureau.

CARRIED

MOTION: It was moved that the authorized signatories be revised as follows:

As Primary Signatories:

- Dominion Secretary – Brad White
- Director of Administration – Steven Clark
- Director Finance – Tim Murphy

As Secondary Signatories

- Director of Service Bureau – Ray McInnis
- Director Supply – Peter Underhill
- Director Marketing & Membership – Scott Ferris

CARRIED

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee Reports were presented.

a. Veterans, Service and Seniors Committee

The report was presented at Annex "A". The Chairman reiterated the Legion's commitment to supporting service assist animals but cautioned that more study is needed prior to fully defining the Legion's support of the program.

CARRIED

- i. Wounded Warriors Weekend correspondence from Pat Varga was presented and discussed and is at Annex "B". Once Proof of Liability has been received at Dominion Command, an endorsement letter will be sent as requested.

MOTION: It was moved that DEC endorse the Wounded Warriors Weekend to be held in Slave Lake, Alberta in 2014

CARRIED

b. Poppy and Remembrance Committee

The report was presented at Annex "C". The Poppy and Remembrance Committee has been asked by Tim Hortons to re-submit the "Poppy Cup" proposal/information for the 2014 Remembrance period.

CARRIED

c. Membership Committee

There was no Membership Committee report presented.

CARRIED

d. Sports Committee

The report was presented at Annex "D". Comrade Julian questioned the requirement to conduct a second site visit when facilities are being used two years in a row.

CARRIED

e. Outreach Committee

The report was presented at Annex "E". The new PR Manual will be distributed electronically to all DEC members for review before its distribution throughout the Legion.

CARRIED

- f. Ritual and Awards Committee
There was no Ritual and Awards Committee report presented. **CARRIED**
- g. Constitutions & Laws Committee
The report was presented at Annex "F". **CARRIED**
- h. RCEL Committee
The report was presented at Annex "G". **CARRIED**
- i. Dominion Convention Committee
The report was presented at Annex "H". **CARRIED**
- j. Defence & Security Committee
The report was presented at Annex "I". **CARRIED**
- k. Veterans Consultation Assembly
The report was presented at Annex "J". **CARRIED**
- l. Leadership Development Committee
The report was presented at Annex "K". **CARRIED**
- m. Focus on the Future Committee
There was no Focus on the Future Committee report presented. **CARRIED**
- n. Canvet Publications Ltd.
The report was presented at Annex "L". **CARRIED**

7. DOMINION SECRETARY'S REPORTS

The Dominion Secretary's report was presented and is at Annex "M". In addition to the report the Dominion Secretary provided a brief summary of the meeting held with all the provincial secretaries in attendance the previous day. It proved to be a worthwhile meeting.

8. DOMINION CONVENTION – APPOINTMENTS

DEC was asked to approve the following appointments for the 2014 Dominion Convention:

MOTION: It was moved that the following appointments for the 2014 Dominion Convention be approved.

- Presiding Officer - Pat Varga
- Returning Officer/Chief Scrutineer – Wilfred Edmond
- Installing Officer - Larry Murray
- Convention Appeals Committee – Mary Ann Misfeldt and All Past Dominion Presidents

CARRIED

9. DOMINION CONVENTION – LATE RESOLUTIONS

There were 6 late resolutions considered to bring forward to convention: 2 were withdrawn, 2 were defeated and 2 were accepted to bring to Dominion Convention. They are attached at Annex “N”.

- a. Veterans Long Term Care Hospital – CARRIED BRING TO FLOOR
- b. Re-open Veterans Affairs Canada Offices – CARRIED BRING TO FLOOR
- c. Legion Riders Coordinator - DEFEATED
- d. Order of Dress for Legion Riders - DEFEATED
- e. Legion Definition of Veteran #1 - WITHDRAWN
- f. Legion Definition of Veteran #2 – WITHDRAWN and to be presented to the floor as an amendment to an existing resolution.

10. DOMINION CONVENTION – ADDENDA TO REPORTS

No addenda to reports were received.

11. MEDALS AND BARS

The medals and bars were presented and awarded. Report is at Annex “O”.

12. MEETINGS AND INVITATIONS

The meetings and invitation calendar was reviewed and will be circulated on a regular basis to members of DEC. The list is attached at Annex “P”.

13. OTHER BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Message from Pat Varga: Comrades, I liked to take this opportunity to thank you all in the room as you know this is my last DEC. To the Past Presidents I thank you for your guidance and support. To the staff, thank you for everything you do for us, and to all the members of DEC; Past, Present and Future, I wish you all the best in the world and thank you so much for your support. As I said recently, this has been a journey that I will never forget. Thank you.
- b. We Support Our Troops Pin: At the February 2012 DEC meeting, the members carried the following motion:

MOTION: It was moved that DEC authorize the wearing of the “We Support Our Troops” pin indefinitely

CARRIED

DEC again reaffirmed its support of the motion passed to continue wearing the “We Support Our Troops” pin.

- c. Veterans Licence Plates. At the September 2010 DEC meeting, the members carried the following motion:

MOTION: The Legion adopts the definition of a veteran, as passed at the Dominion Convention in 2000, as a common criterion upon which to distribute a veteran’s licence plate across Canada.

CARRIED

Following which a further motion was passed:

MOTION: It was moved that the DEC approve the following additional criteria for issuing Veterans licence plates:

A grandfather clause for all previous issued plates.
A criterion to deal with members of the Canadian police forces who have served in special duty areas as defined by the Government. It is interesting to note that Canada has correctional service officers in Afghanistan.

A criterion to deal with Canadian citizens who served with US forces during the Vietnam War.

CARRIED

ACTION: Provincial Presidents

The issue of veterans' license plates and a common standard across the country was again discussed. DEC again reaffirmed its support of the above motions. Consideration was also given to the resolutions being presented at convention which would alter the Legion's definition of a veteran. Standardization is needed to ensure that our veterans who relocate from one region of the country to another will have access to a veteran's plate.

- d. Communications. The Dominion President would like to thank all those who responded quickly to the various emails on information and decision items put forward during his term. The use of electronic communications is growing and is an effective tool to keep in touch. He strongly encourages all to continue responding and providing their input.

14. REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT

- a. McCrae Statute

A request for support was received from the Royal Canadian Artillery Heritage Campaign. Project documentation is attached at Annex "P". This project was reviewed by the Poppy and Remembrance Committee which supported it. The project was also the subject of an 'all-branch' mailing for information purposes. This is a national project and will be located in a very prominent site in Ottawa. The P&R Committee put forward the following recommendation for DEC consideration.

MOTION:

It was moved that a donation of \$5,000 be given to The RCA Heritage Campaign (McCrae Statute) from the Dominion Command Poppy Trust Fund.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm on 14 June 2014.

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DOMINION CHAIRMAN

DOMINION SECRETARY

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
VETERANS, SERVICES AND SENIORS COMMITTEE
TO THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
14 JUNE 2014**

65-1

G. Moore	-	Chair
T. Eagles	-	Vice- Chair
B. Wignes	-	Member
R. Love	-	Member
J. Deveaux	-	Member
A. Paquette	-	Member
G. O'Dair	-	Member
L. Murray	-	Ex- Officio Member
M. Tremblay	-	Ex- Officio Member
W. Leach	-	Ex- Officio Member
R. McInnis	-	Secretary
C. Gasser	-	A/Secretary

GENERAL

The Veterans, Service and Seniors Committee continues to maintain a more active advocacy stance while maintaining its focus on proving, day in and day out, to all Canada's Veterans, including serving CAF and RCMP members and their families that The Legion cares.

Since the previous report to DEC on 23 February 2014, the VSS Committee met via teleconference on 08 May 2014.

The Chair confirmed that the service dog policy will require further research before we move forward on the service dog policy. The implementation plan and the MOU will be held in abeyance pending further review.

There have been no further significant developments or issues to report.

This is my report and I move its adoption



June 10, 2014

To the Members of DEC:

First, my apologies for the lateness of this correspondence, however, due to personal circumstances, this has taken a while to finish.

Re: Wounded Warriors Weekend

This item was tabled at the February DEC meeting as follows: "This motion was tabled pending more information from Alta-NWT Command regarding their understanding and involvement in the planning and conduct of this weekend which is planned to occur in Slave Lake, AB."

I feel that the above statement was not the intent of the discussion and it formed only one part of the follow up. Unfortunately between that and consequent inaction from both myself and Alta/NWT Command has led to this item being dropped. It does not appear in Old or Unfinished Business for the DEC meeting in June, 2014; nor does it appear as part of the VSS Committee Report for that same meeting.

During the February DEC I answered each and every question that was part of the VSS report, yet nothing appeared in the minutes outlining the answers that I gave. When I asked the members if I needed to make any clarification or there were further questions, the body of DEC seemed to be well satisfied with the information I had given them. At that time Comrade Gordon, Dominion President asked the following questions of me:

- Was there going to be liability insurance for the event?
- Who was the organizing committee?
- Was there going to be fiscal responsibility for the event?

I told Comrade Gordon I would find out the answers.

- I have been told that as soon as all the events are finalized liability insurance would be obtained by the Local Arrangements Committee. Until then it is quite difficult to get insurance as they were not 100% sure of the events that would need coverage.
- The LAC is: Chairperson Robert Jensen; Co-Chairperson Amanda Mattern

Legion President and Co-Treasurer Beth McDonald; Treasurer Annette Braun

Secretary Cathey LaCouvee

Fundraising George Wright; Joyce Robinson

Gala Tracey Crain

Medical Angela Mulholland

Honorary Chair Don Clarke

Patron: His Honor, Col. (Ret'd) the Honorable Donald S. Ethell

Lt. Governor

- I would suggest that the LAC has taken the fiscal responsibility quite seriously by the very fact that they have co-treasurers.

The Slave Lake Branch has been working through their District Commander and Comrade Barry Lazoruk, Vice President, Alta-NWT Command.

Slave Lake is a community of around 6800 people with a hospital and 2 medical clinics.

The LAC has been very busy in many activities including awareness and fundraising. As part of the awareness, they are offering training on PTSD for Advocates and Volunteers in July given by Michael Hogan, CF Support Unit.

The Committee has hit a number of roadblocks within the Legion world due to DEC tabling the motion in February including a non answer from BC/Yukon Command on November 27, 2013 (Linda Mussell, Branch Administrator Coordinator) when they were asked if they wished to partner for the event to be held in BC in 2015.

I would suggest that each of you take the time to check out the web site woundedwarriorsweekend.com for information on this year's events and to make a special effort to read the testimonials from past attendees.

On or around the mid part of May I received an email regarding Wounded Warriors Weekend and Wounded Warriors Canada. At that time I asked when the decision regarding the endorsement of the Weekend (and that I thought it should happen) would be made.

Comrade Gordon responded that he required the following information before the pre-convention DEC.

- Copy of the Liability Coverage
- What is the structure of the organization and is it a registered entity? If not, why not?
- Who holds the liability for action or events which could arise?

- Are dedicated resources available to in medical or mental health issues? i.e. first aid, counselors
- What is the financial accountability and reporting?

As I am not involved with the Committee from Slave Lake I did not feel I had the right to ask anyone for more information than what I already have.

I would ask what is going on. Why has a request for a simple endorsement become such an issue?

Is it is intention of DEC to ask for information (as above) for every request that is received for an endorsement of any project what so ever?

This has been a very successful event for the past two years. Many Veterans and currently Serving Personnel have attended and the reports received are very positive. Indeed many of us have formed friendships that I believe will span a long or life time. It has certainly brought the citizens of Saskatchewan together in a common cause. It has also given many of our members and branches a reason to do something outside of their small communities and support a worthwhile event.

Why are we not in favor of helping Veterans to have a weekend of relaxation, golf and fishing? What message is DEC going to send if we do not continue our endorsement? We are trying to attract Veterans and especially the young Veterans to our organization, what message are we sending if we withdraw our endorsement after supporting a project for two years?

I would end this explanation by making the following motion:

That DEC continue the endorsement of the Wounded Warriors Weekend to be held in Slave Lake Alberta in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Varga

Immediate Past Dominion President

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
POPPY AND REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE
TO THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
14 JUNE 2014**

File: 35-1

D. Flannigan	-	Chairman
D. Jones	-	Vice-Chairman
D. Kennedy	-	Member
B. Julian	-	Member
S. Wessel	-	Member
G. Painchaud	-	Member
R. Brady	-	Member
W. Maxwell	-	Secretary
K. Therien	-	A/Secretary

GENERAL

Since the Poppy and Remembrance Committee last met on 24 February 2014, there have been no significant developments or issues to report. Since that meeting, eighteen requests for the use of the trademarked image of the Poppy have been considered by the Committee with twelve approved and six declined. The next scheduled meeting will be held at a time and place to be decided after Convention 2014.

In the absence of questions or discussion, I move acceptance of this report.

David Flannigan,
Chairman, Poppy and Remembrance Committee

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
SPORTS COMMITTEE
TO THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
14 JUNE 2014**

42-2

E. Pigeau	-	Chairman
P. Poirier	-	Vice-Chairman
R. Petten	-	Member
L. Washburn	-	Member
A. Stanfield	-	Member
M. Atkinson	-	Member
N. Shelton	-	Member
D. Martin	-	Secretary
A. Keeling	-	Asst Secretary

GENERAL

This report covers the period from 22 February 2014 to 14 June 2014. The Committee last met via teleconference on 23 April 2014 with minutes distributed to DEC on 12 May 2014 via e-mail.

2014 NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Langley, BC was awarded the 2013 and 2014 games in Apr 2011. Host dates for 2014 are 13 – 19 August. A site visit was conducted on 8 – 11 May 2014. Preparations at the local level appear to be well in hand.

2015 TO 2020 NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The promotion and solicitation of host sites for the Legion Nationals has prompted a fair number of bids to host resulting in the following offers to host:

- 2015-16 Ville de Sainte-Thérèse, QC (confirmed)
- 2017–18 Brandon, MB (confirmed)
- 2019-20 Sydney, NS (offered – awaiting confirmation)

2014 DOMINION MEMBER SPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2014 Dominion Member Sport Championships were held in the Central Region. All host LACs did an excellent job of organizing and conducting the events and are to be congratulated on a job well done. The results were as follows:

- a. Curling: Saturday 15 March - Friday 19 March 2014
Hosted by: Branch #20 Dauphin, MB
Winners: Branch #62 Salmon Arm, BC/YUKON Command

- b. Cribbage: Friday 25 April - Monday 28 April 2014
Hosted by: Branch #23 North Bay, ON
Winners: **Single:** Branch #6 Cloverdale - BC/YUKON Command
 Doubles: Branch #91 Prince Edward - BC/YUKON Command
 Team: Branch #216 Laval West - QUE Command
- c. Darts: Friday 2 May - Monday 5 May 2014
Hosted by: Branch # 632 Orleans, ON
Winners: **Single:** Branch # 34 Orillia - ONT Command
 Doubles: Branch # 79 New Ross – NS/NU Command
 Team: - Branch # 212 La Salle - QUE Command
- d. Eight Ball: Friday 23 May - Monday 26 May 2014
Hosted by: Branch #261 Tecumseh, ON

Results not available at time of printing!

DOMINION DARTS SPONSORSHIP – CORBY’S CHALLENGE

In concert with Corby’s distilleries sponsorship with Dominion Darts two national initiatives were undertaken to share nationally a portion of the sponsorship funds. The first initiative was the distribution of a \$500 hosting cheque to each provincial hosting branch of the provincial darts finals. The second initiative was the Corby’s Challenge a program that allowed all branches to enter into a draw to receive one of three grants totaling \$5000, \$3000 or \$2000.

The Corby’s Challenge was promoted to all branches through an all branch distribution and the Legion web site. At the deadline for submissions 119 branches had entered into the draw - a rather disappointing turnout considering the simplicity of entering. The draw took place at the final National Darts Tournament banquet and the winners were:

First - \$5000 – Branch #463 Oakland, Ontario

Second - \$3000 - Branch #428 Tweed, Ontario

Third - \$2000 - Branch # 2 Drumheller, Alberta

CONCLUSION

The next meeting of the Sports Committee is recommended to be scheduled in concert with the DEC to take place in Ottawa on 14 Sep 14.

I move acceptance of this report as presented.

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
OUTREACH COMMITTEE
TO THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
14 JUNE 2014**

File: 44-1

Tom Eagles	- Chairman
Ron Trowsdale	- Vice-Chairman
Marg Emery	- Member
Rhonda Risebrough	- Member
Wayne Donner	- Member
Margot Arsenault	- Member
M.C. (Dick) Wells	- Member
Bruce Poulin	- Secretary
Patrick Riley	- A Secretary
Leah O'Neil	- Observer

The Outreach Committee held one meeting on 7 March 2014.

PR MANUALS

During that meeting a motion was carried to have DEC review the PR manual prior to its distribution throughout the Legion.

In the absence of any questions or discussion, I move acceptance of this report

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
CONSTITUTION AND LAWS COMMITTEE
TO THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
14 JUNE 2014**

File: 17-2

J. Rycroft	-	Chairman
D. Eaton	-	Vice-Chairman
T. Irvine	-	Member
G. O'Dair	-	Member
S. Clark	-	Secretary
D. Martin	-	Assistant Secretary

GENERAL

The Committee last met by teleconference on 3 February 2014. Members continue to review and respond to Constitution and Laws questions by email and telephone as issues and queries arise.

PROVINCIAL COMMAND BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Since the last meeting, the Committee reviewed amendments to the By-Laws for NS/NU Command.

I would ask a member of DEC to move approval of this report

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
RCEL COMMITTEE
TO THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
14 JUNE 2014**

RCL: 26-2-4

G. Moore	Chairman
P. Varga	Vice-Chairman
T. Eagles	Member
B. White	Secretary
R. McInnis	Assistant Secretary

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There have been no Committee meetings since the last report to DEC.

BERMUDA

Bermuda has approached the RCEL in London for membership into the organization. Initial discussions have occurred and RCEL London is satisfied that they have the leadership in place in Bermuda to accept the application. We have asked that prior to accepting Bermuda into the RCEL that they provide an estimate of the grant application requirement/need. Once that information becomes available, it will be passed to the Committee for budgetary considerations prior to providing RCL approval for the membership application.

That is my report and I move it for adoption.

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
DOMINION CONVENTION COMMITTEE
TO THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
14 JUNE 2014**

File: 19-1

G. Moore	-	Chairman
T. Eagles	-	Vice-Chairman
T. Irvine	-	Member
B. White	-	Secretary
S. Clark	-	Assistant Secretary
B. Maxwell	-	Assistant Secretary

GENERAL

The paragraphs that follow are a synopsis of planned activities and associated events for this convention. The last meeting with the Edmonton LAC was held on Saturday, 26 April 2014.

GUEST OF HONOUR

Declines were received from both the Governor General and Prime Minister, although the Governor General will offer greetings by video. A prominent Canadian was invited to deliver a Keynote Address on each day of Convention. Our Grand President, Comrade Larry Murray, will officially open Convention.

FOUNDERS AWARD

Author Joseph Boyden accepted this honour. While he will be in France on a book tour during the Convention dates, his mother and sister will accept the award on his behalf. Mr. Boyden's father was the highest decorated combat doctor of WWII.

REGISTRATION FEES AND TIMINGS

The registration fee of \$50.00 and observer fee of \$15.00 was confirmed again for this year. DEC members who are not accredited branch delegates shall be accredited delegates to Dominion Convention with the registration fees paid for by Dominion Command and the observer fee for spouses deducted from individual travel claims. DEC members registered as branch delegates will obtain their ballot books from their respective command registration desks.

Registration timings are:

- a. Saturday, 14 June 2014: 1300 to 1700 hours.
- b. Sunday, 15 June 2014: 0900 to 1300 hours.
- c. Monday, 16 June 2014: 0800 to 1000 hours.

CONVENTION DAILY PROCEDURES

A copy of the Daily Procedures is attached to this report. Each day following the business session the Procedures Committee will meet to revise the next day's business session.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS TO CONVENTION

Verbal reports are prepared for each Committee Chairman. Each Committee budget is printed in the Committee Reports and Resolutions book for review by delegates, however, these budgets will not be approved until the full financial report has been presented for adoption.

MEETINGS AND CEREMONIAL EVENTS

The following is an initial listing of meetings and ceremonial events which will take place on the dates indicated:

- a. Parade: Delegates will form up at 1245 hours on 104 Avenue NW. Stepping off at 1315 hours, the parade will proceed south on 99 Street en route to the Cenotaph at City Hall Plaza. A map of the parade route is attached.
- b. Wreath Laying Ceremony. Upon arrival at the Cenotaph, the parade will be halted and advanced. A diagram of the area is attached.
- c. The wreath bearers for the ceremony are:
 - a. Silver Cross Mother (Mrs. Niki Psiharis) – Tom Eagles, Dominion First Vice President
 - b. Veterans Affairs (Minister) – David Flannigan, Dominion Vice President
 - c. Canadian Armed Forces (TBC) – Ed Pigeau, Dominion Vice President
 - d. RCMP (D/Comm Marianne Ryan) – Peter Piper, Dominion Vice President
 - e. Government of Alberta (Hon. Doug Forner, Minister of Finance) – Michael Cook, Dominion Treasurer
 - f. City of Edmonton (TBC) – Tom Irvine, Dominion Chairman
 - g. Dominion President – Pat Varga, Immediate Past Dominion President
 - h. ALTA/NWT President – Mac Torrie, Chairman Edmonton LAC
- d. On the completion of the Wreath Laying ceremony, the parade will prepare for the March Past, proceeding south on 99 Street past the Reviewing Stand at 101A Avenue. The parade will then proceed east on Jasper Avenue and directly into the Shaw Conference Centre.

- e. Opening Ceremony Prelude. The Opening Ceremony entertainment prelude will begin at 1415 hours, Sunday, 15 June 2014 in the Shaw Conference Centre.
- f. Pre-Opening Ceremony Reception. DEC members and Provincial Secretaries, along with their spouses and special guests, are invited to the reception in Salon 4, Meeting Level, Shaw Conference Centre. At 1445 hours, guests will be lined up, led in to Hall AB and seated for the commencement of the ceremony. It is anticipated that the ceremony will be completed by 1630 hours.
- g. Installation Ceremony. The installation of the Senior Elected Officers will occur on Wednesday, 18 June 2014. Timings and details will be provided at a later date.
- h. Post-Convention Senior Elected Officers Meeting. This meeting will be held at 0900 hours, Thursday, 19 June 2014 in the Wedgwood Room, Fairmont Hotel Macdonald.
- i. Post-Convention DEC Meeting. This meeting will be held at 1030 hours, Thursday, 19 June 2014 in the Wedgwood Room, Fairmont Hotel Macdonald.
- j. Post-Convention Canvet Board Meeting. This meeting will be held at 1130 hours, Thursday, 19 June 2014 in the Wedgwood Room, Fairmont Hotel Macdonald.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Invitations to the following social events are included in your convention package:

- a. Dominion President's Reception. This reception for Senior Elected Officers, members of DEC, spouses and invited guests will be held between 1900–2100 hours on Saturday, 14 June 2014 in the Empire Ballroom and Terrace, Fairmont Hotel Macdonald.
- b. Past President's Breakfast. The Dominion President will host Past Dominion Presidents for breakfast at 0800 hours on Sunday, 15 June 2014 in the Harvest Room Restaurant, Fairmont Hotel Macdonald.
- c. Minister of Veterans' Affairs Reception. This reception is planned for Sunday evening, 15 June 2014 in the Shaw Conference Centre. Details to follow.
- d. Dominion President's Spouse's Luncheon. A private luncheon is scheduled from 1330-1500 hours on Monday, 16 June 2014 in the Queen Elizabeth II Suite; invited guests only.
- e. Post-Convention Senior Elected Officers Photos and Gathering. Photographs of the Senior Elected Officers will be taken in the Wedgwood Room, Fairmont Hotel Macdonald immediately following the Canvet Board meeting on Thursday, 19 June 2014. Members of the SEO will then gather in the Dominion President's Suite.

CONVENTION VIP GUEST COORDINATOR

The VIP Guest Coordinator for Convention is Comrade Angela Keeling. Angela will meet all invited guests on their arrival at the Command hotel; guests will be provided with their convention packages by the Front Desk upon check-in.

INVITED GUESTS

The following invited guests have accepted our invitation:

a. International Guests

- i. RAdm (ret'd) Ken Doolan, National President, The Returned & Services League of Australia
- ii. Mr. Robbie Allan, National Chairman, The Royal British Legion Scotland
- iii. Mr. Brian Watkins, Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League
- iv. Mr. Daniel Dellinger, National Commander, The American Legion

b. Dominion Past Presidents

- i. Comrade Wilf and Annie Edmond
- ii. Comrade Jack and Lynn Frost
- iii. Comrade Mary Ann and Doug Misfeldt
- iv. Comrade Allan and Janice Parks
- v. Comrade Hugh and Doris Greene

c. Canadian Fraternal Organizations

- i. Col (ret'd) Bill Sutherland, Commissionaires
- ii. Capt(N)(ret'd) John Dewar, Commissionaires
- iii. Mr. Ron Griffis, National President, CAVUNP
- iv. Mr. John Macdonald, AVA
- v. Mr. Brian Phoenix, ANAVETs
- vi. Paul (Trapper) Kane, CAV

d. Dominion Command Zone Commanders

- i. Comrade Josh Gelinas, Deputy Zone Commander, Europe
- ii. Comrade Robert Edmonds, Western Zone USA Past Commander
- iii. Comrade Judy Miller, Eastern Zone USA Commander

e. Veterans Affairs Canada

- i. Hon. Julian Fantino, Minister, Veterans Affairs
- ii. Mr. Michel Doiron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Service Delivery
- iii. Mr. John Larlee, Veterans Review and Appeal Board
- iv. Ms. Danielle Gauthier, VRAB
- v. Mr. Jacques Fauteux, Chief of Staff, Minister VAC
- vi. Mr. Nicholas Bergamini, VAC

f. Veterans Agencies

- i. MGen (ret'd) Edward Fltch, Last Post Fund
- ii. HCol Daniel O'Connor, Last Post Fund
- iii. LGen (ret'd) Lou Cuppens, Last Post Fund
- iv. Mr. Guy Parent, Veterans Ombudsman

- v. BGen (ret'd) David Kettle, Secretary General, Commonwealth War Graves Commission
 - vi. Mr. Dominique Boulais, Deputy Secretary General, Commonwealth War Graves Commission
 - vii. Mr. Charles Keliher, Bureau of Pension Advocates
- g. Municipal/Provincial/Federal Government Organizations
- i. Hon Douglas Horner, Minister of Finance, Province of Alberta
 - ii. Chief Ken Block, Edmonton Fire Chief
 - iii. Hon Laurie Hawn, MP
 - iv. Ms. Elaine Michaud, MP
 - v. Ms. Linda Duncan, MP
 - vi. Mr. Brian Sorseth, MP
 - vii. Ms. Laurie Blakeman, MLA
 - viii. Mr. Dave Locken, MLA
- h. Cadet Leagues
- i. Mr. Claude Carrigan, Air Cadet League of Canada
 - ii. Mr. Terry Whitty, Executive Director, Army Cadet League of Canada
 - iii. Col Conrad Namiesniowski, Director Cadets, NDHQ
 - iv. CWO Grant Pyle, Directorate of Cadets, NDHQ
- i. Special Guests
- i. Mrs. Niki Psiharis, National Silver Cross Mother
 - ii. Mr. Spiro Karigiannis, son of Mrs. Psiharis
 - iii. BGen John Fletcher, CAF Chaplain General
 - iv. D/Commissioner Marianne Ryan, RCMP
 - v. Cmdre Mark Watson, DGMWS
 - vi. Dr. Louis Francescutti, President, CMA
 - vii. Dr. Chris Simpson, President-elect, CMA
 - viii. Dr. Alice Aiken, CIMVHR
 - ix. LGen (ret'd) RR Crabbe, PPCLI
 - x. LCol NJ Grimshaw, 1 PPCLI
 - xi. CWO Rene Kiens, 1 PPCLI
 - xii. Comrade Belinda Wilson, ONT Command, 2013 Pilgrimage of Remembrance
 - xiii. Mr. Jeremy Diamond, The Vimy Foundation

TRAVEL EXPENSES AND PER DIEM PERIODS

Travel advances have been provided as requested. DEC members are requested to complete the Travel Expense (pink) Form as cheques for balances owed will be forwarded shortly after Convention. The per diem being paid is \$90.00 per day as the hotel rooms are charged against Dominion Command's master account. Members are responsible for any incidental expenses charged to their room. DEC members are to indicate if they are accompanied by a spouse.

FUTURE CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of activities regarding future conventions:

- a. 2016 Convention, St. John's, NL, 11-15 June 2016. All contracts finalized.
- b. 2018 Convention, Winnipeg, MB, 16-20 June 2018. No new developments.
- c. 2020 Convention, Saskatoon, SK. No new developments
- d. 2022 Convention. Work continues on selecting a proposed site for consideration.

I move the acceptance of my report.

**45th DOMINION CONVENTION
DAILY PROCEDURES
FRIDAY, 13 JUNE 2014**

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
0900	Dominion / Provincial Secretaries' Meeting Salon 15/16, SCC	Reserved until 1700
1330	R&A / LAC Meeting Salon 5, SCC	

**45th DOMINION CONVENTION
DAILY PROCEDURES
SATURDAY, 14 JUNE 2014**

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
0900	DEC Meeting Wedgwood Room, Fairmont Hotel Macdonald	
1300	TVS Meeting Salon 16, Shaw Conference Centre	Until 1700
1300	Workshop 1: Membership Salon 8, Shaw Conference Centre	60
1300	Registration and Exhibitor Area Open Hall C, Shaw Conference Centre	Until 1700
1400	Workshop 2: Veterans, Service and Seniors Salon 9, Shaw Conference Centre	60
1500	Workshop 3: Poppy Salon 10, Shaw Conference Centre	60
1500	BC/Y Command Meeting Salon 8, Shaw Conference Centre	120
1600	Workshop 4: Outreach Salon 11, Shaw Conference Centre	60
1600	Parade Marshal's Meeting and Wreath Laying Briefing Salon 17/18, Shaw Conference Centre	60
1900	Dominion President's Reception Empire Ballroom and Terrace, Fairmont Hotel Macdonald	Until 2100

**45th DOMINION CONVENTION
DAILY PROCEDURES
SUNDAY, 15 JUNE 2014**

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
0800	Dominion President's Breakfast for Past Dominion Presidents Harvest Room Restaurant, Fairmont Hotel Macdonald	
0800	Exhibitor Area Opens Hall C, Shaw Conference Centre	Until 1430
0900	Registration Opens Hall C, Shaw Conference Centre	Until 1300
1300	Parade Forming Up Point: north of 103a Avenue NW	
1330	Wreath Laying Ceremony Cenotaph, City Hall Plaza	
1400	Opening Ceremony VIP Reception Salon 4, Shaw Conference Centre	60
1500	Opening Ceremony Hall AB, Shaw Conference Centre	90
TBC	Minister of Veterans Affairs Reception	

45th DOMINION CONVENTION
DAILY PROCEDURES
MONDAY, 16 JUNE 2014

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
0830	Opening Invocation BGen John Fletcher CAF Chaplain General	5
0835	LAC Chairman Announcements R. Torrie	5
0840	Queen's Response to Loyalty Resolution T. Irvine	5
0845	Procedures Report and Chairman's Remarks T. Irvine	5
0850	Recognition of Past Presidents T. Irvine	5
0855	Grand President's Report L. Murray	10
0905	Dominion President's Report G. Moore	20
0925	Introduction of VAC Officials and Minister G. Moore	5
0930	Keynote Address Minister of Veterans Affairs Hon. J. Fantino	20
0950	Thank Minister Fantino G. Moore	5
0955	Verbal Committee Reports (10 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans, Service and Seniors • Poppy and Remembrance • Membership G. Moore D. Flannigan P. Piper	30
1025	Greetings Intro: Rep TBC The Royal British Legion	5
1030	Credentials Report T. Wheeler	5
1035	Nominations for all Elected Positions P. Varga	25
1100	Election of Dominion President P. Varga	20
1120	Greetings Intro: Daniel Dellinger National Commander The American Legion	5
1125	Verbal Committee Reports (10 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports • Outreach • Ritual and Awards E. Pigeau T. Eagles R. Goebel	30

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
1155	Presentation: Founders Award Intro: Mr. Joseph Boyden Author, <i>Three-Day Road</i>	5
1200	Acceptance and Address by Mrs. Boyden	20
1220	Thank Mrs. Boyden	5
1225	Verbal Committee Reports (10 mins each) • TVS • Dominion Secretary C. Paul B. White	20
1245	Presentation: Intro: Col Conrad Namiesniowski Director Cadets CWO Grant Pyle	15
1300	Verbal Committee Reports (10 mins each) • Defence and Security • Constitution and Laws • Leadership Development R. Price J. Rycroft E. Pigeau	30
1330	Presentation: Legion Pilgrimage of Remembrance Intro: D. Flannigan Belinda Wilson ONT Command Pilgrim	30
1400	Verbal Committee Reports (10 mins each) • Veterans Consultation Group • Focus on the Future L. Murray G. Moore	20
1420	Greetings Intro: RAdm (ret'd) Ken Doolan National President Returned & Services League of Australia	5
1425	Verbal Committee Reports (10 mins each) • Canvet T. Eagles	10
1435	Greetings Intro: Paul (Trapper) Cane Canadian Army Veterans	5
1440	LAC Chairman Announcements R. Torrie	5
1445	Adjournment	
1500	Command Caucuses	

**45th DOMINION CONVENTION
DAILY PROCEDURES
TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2014**

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
0830	Invocation TBC Padre	5
0835	LAC Chairman Announcements R. Torrie	5
0840	Procedures Report T. Irvine	5
0845	Credentials Report T. Wheeler	5
0850	Second Call for Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Vice President (Close nominations) • Vice Presidents • Treasurer • Chairman P. Varga	20
0910	Keynote Address Intro: CAF – Rep TBC	25
0935	Thank Keynote Speaker	5
0940	Election of First Vice President P. Varga	25
1005	Verbal Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centennial M. Cook • Dominion Treasurer M. Cook 	20
1025	Ways and Means Report G. Moore	30
1055	Presentation Intro: Dr. Chris Simpson President-elect Canadian Medical Association	20
1115	Time for second ballot for election of First Vice President	25
1140	Greetings: Mr. Robbie Allan Intro: National Chairman, The Royal British Legion Scotland	5
1145	Resolutions Committee Report G. Moore	5
1150	Resolutions Presented by Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEC G. Moore • Veterans, Service and Seniors G. Moore • Poppy and Remembrance D. Flannigan 	30
1220	Presentation Intro: Dr. Alice Aiken Executive Director Canadian Institute for Military & Veteran Health Research	30
1250	Resolutions Presented by Committee	40

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership • Sports • Outreach • Ritual and Awards 	P. Piper E. Pigeau T. Eagles R. Goebel
1300	DEADLINE FOR NON-CONCURRED RESOLUTIONS TO BE BROUGHT BACK	
1330	Greetings: BGen (ret'd) David Kettle Intro: Commonwealth War Graves Commission	5
1335	Close Nominations and Election of Vice Presidents P. Varga	20
1355	Presentation MGen (ret'd) Edward Fitch Intro: National President Last Post Fund	10
1405	Resolutions Presented by Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence and Security • Constitution and Laws • Dominion Convention • Leadership Development 	B. Leach J. Rycroft G. Moore E. Pigeau
1445	Greetings Capt(N) (ret'd) John Dewar Intro: National Business Management Committee Chair Commissionaires	5
1450	Comments on RCEL Brian Watkins Intro:	10
1500	RCEL Report and Call for donations • RCEL donations	G. Moore 30
1530	LAC Chairman Announcements	R. Torrie 5
1535	Adjournment	

**45th DOMINION CONVENTION
DAILY PROCEDURES
WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2014**

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
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Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
0830	Invocation TBC Padre	5
0835	LAC Chairman Announcements R. Torrie	5
0840	Procedures Report T. Irvine	5
0845	Credentials Report T. Wheeler	5
0850	Close Nominations and Election of Treasurer P. Varga	20
0910	Keynote Address: Intro: LGen (Ret'd) R.R. Crabbe Colonel of the Regiment Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry	25
0935	Thank the Keynote Address	5
0940	Presentation Intro: Commodore Mark Watson Director General Morale and Welfare Services, CAF	20
1000	Brought Back Resolutions	30
1030	Greetings Intro: Claude Carrigan (Air) Cadet Leagues	5
1035	Close Nominations and Election of Chairman P. Varga	20
1035	Greetings Intro: Guy Parent Veterans Ombudsman	5
1040	Report on Workshops	20
1120	New Business T. Irvine	15
1135	Preparations for Installation and Closing Ceremonies	30
1205	Installation Ceremony Senior Elected Officers L. Murray	55
1300	Closing Benediction Closing Ceremony Padre Chairman	20
1320	2016 Dominion Convention B. Lawrence	15
1335	LAC Chairman Closing Announcements R. Torrie	10
1345	Dispersal Chairman	

**45th DOMINION CONVENTION
DAILY PROCEDURES
THURSDAY, 19 JUNE 2014**

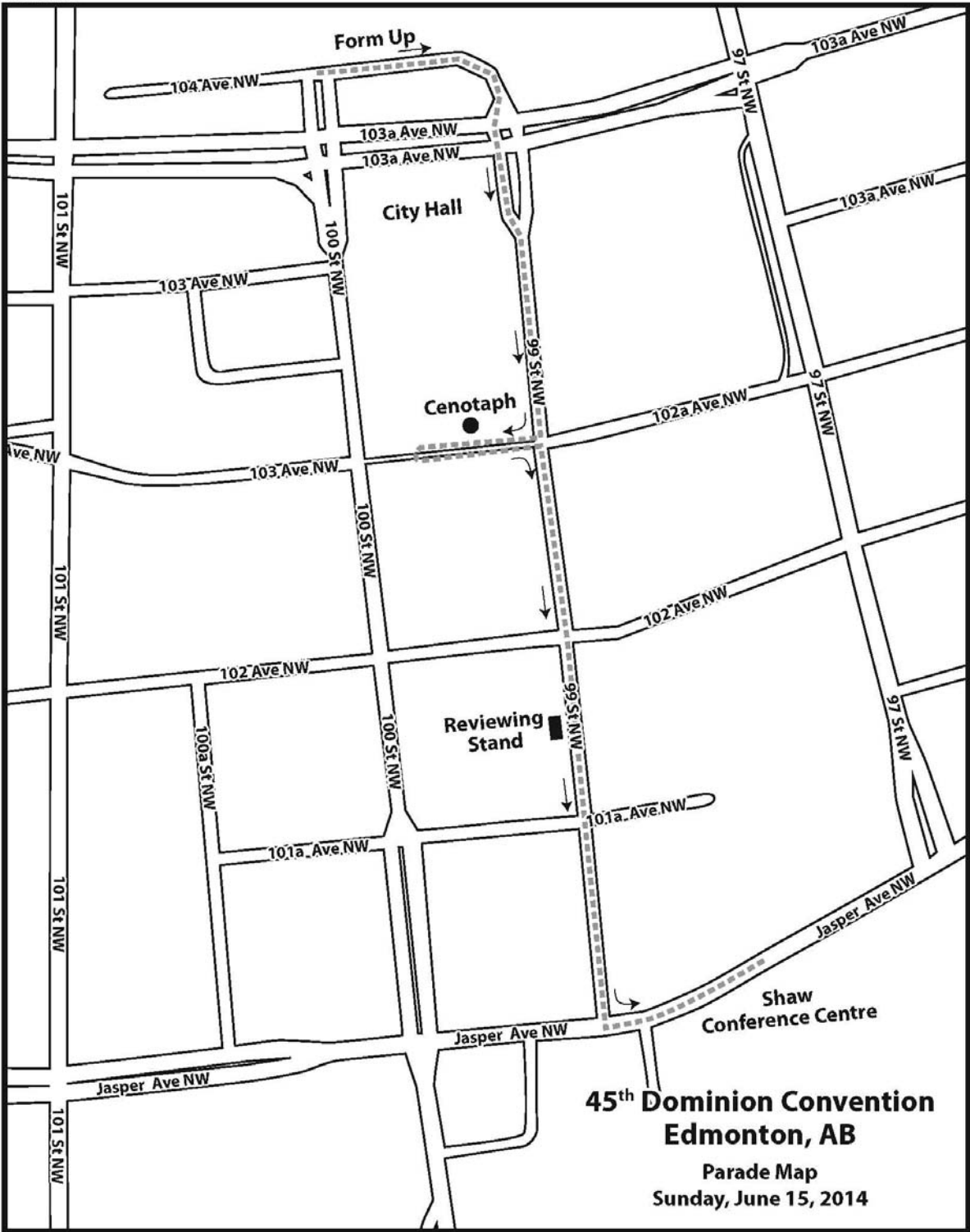
Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
0900	Senior Elected Officers' Meeting Wedgwood Room, Fairmont Hotel Macdonald	90
1030	DEC Meeting Wedgwood Room, Fairmont Hotel Macdonald	60
1130	Canvet Board Meeting Wedgwood Room, Fairmont Hotel Macdonald	30

ORDER OF MARCH

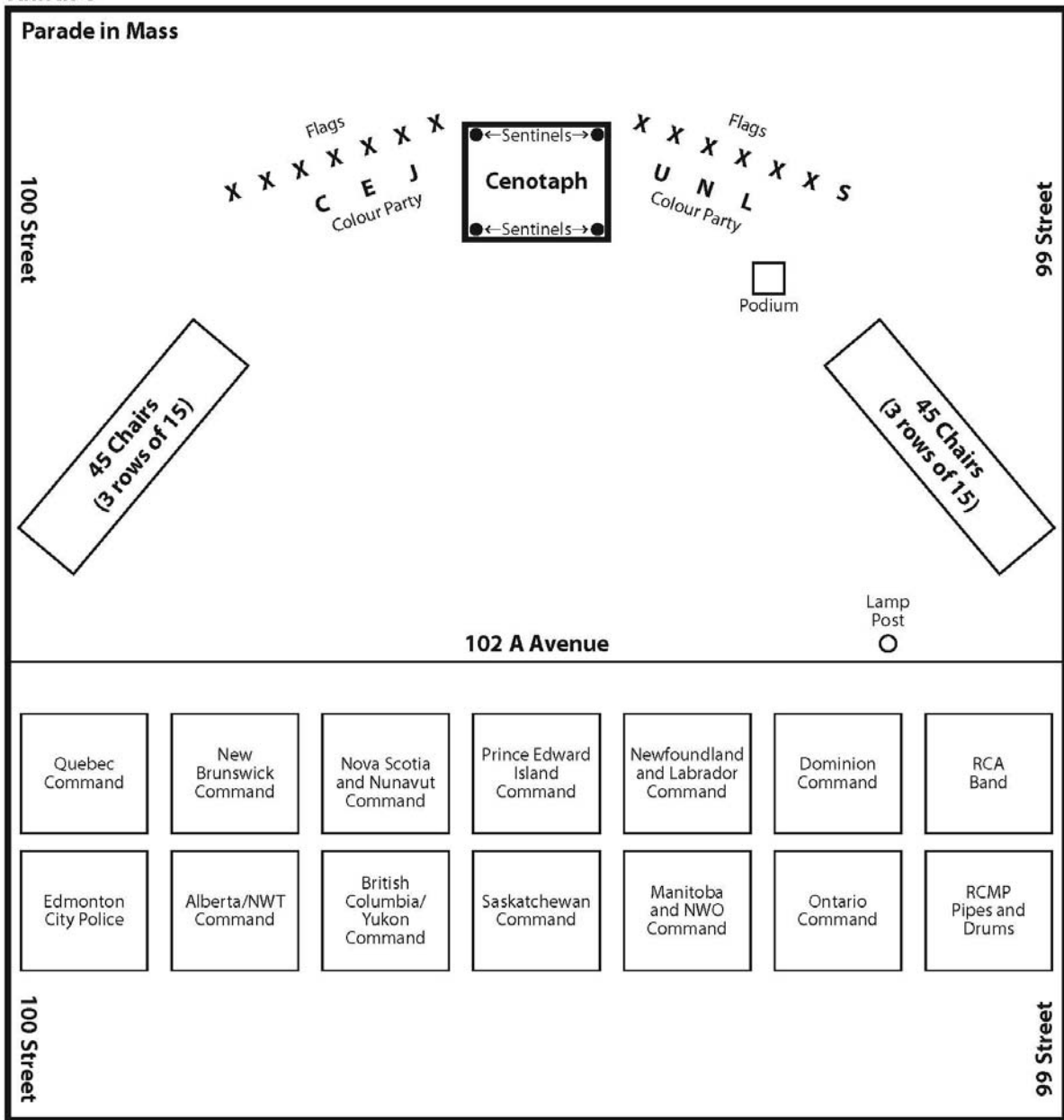
Provincial Commands are to be formed up according to the distance they have traveled to be at the Convention. Distances were determined using Google Earth and measured from Provincial Command Headquarters.

1. Colour Party
2. Royal Canadian Artillery Band
3. Dominion Command (SEO's)
4. Newfoundland and Labrador Command
5. Prince Edward Island Command
6. Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
7. New Brunswick Command
8. Quebec Command
9. RCMP Pipes and Drums
10. Ontario Command
11. Manitoba and NWO Command
12. Saskatchewan Command
13. British Columbia/Yukon Command
14. Alberta-NWT Command.
15. Edmonton City Police Pipes and Drums

PARADE ROUTE



WREATH LAYING CEREMONY



Flags

- C - Canada
- E - Ensign
- J - Union Jack
- U - United Nations
- N - NATO
- L - Legion Banner
- X - Provinces and Territories
- S - Sgt-at-Arms

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
DEFENCE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE
TO THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
14 JUNE 2014**

File: 82-27

**Bill Leach – Chairman
D.H. Brown – Member
R. Price – Member
W. Martin - Member
L. Murray – Member (Ex-Officio)
D. Martin - Secretary**

GENERAL

This report covers the period from 22 February to 14 June 2014. The Committee last met on 21 Feb 2014 with minutes distributed to DEC (reference committee minutes dated 3 March 2014).

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

The committee continues to monitor defence and security issues as they arise. The following are updates to issues being addressed by the committee:

Arctic Star: As of 1 May 14 Canadian World War Two Veterans of the “Murmansk Run” are now able to wear their Arctic Star medals thanks in part to the strong advocacy of The Royal Canadian Legion.

Citizenship – War Brides and Children of Veterans: Recent legislative changes proposed by the Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander on February 6th 2014 as they relate to War Brides and children of War Brides may finally address their plight of being barred from obtaining Canadian citizenship.

Cutbacks in Cadet Clothing: As a result of an announcement on cutbacks within the cadet organization that had focused on issue clothing and uniforms the Legion voiced their concerns to the CDS. The CDS responded in writing by assuring the Legion that the restrictions mentioned were only in effect until the end of March 2014 and that any future cutbacks should not affect the areas of Cadet clothing.

2014 NIJMEGEN MARCH

Comrades Wesseling from BC/YYUKON and Demers from QUE will be representing the Legion at the 2014 Nijmegen March.

LEGIONCONNECT

The LegionConnect project has been completed and is currently in the process of being introduced to the veterans across Canada.

COMMITTEE COORDINATION

The committee continues to maintain a presence at the Veteran's Consultation and VSS meetings to ensure coordinated understandings and efforts.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings for the Committee are scheduled as follows:

- a. CDA Vimy Award Ceremony - 7 November 2014; and
- b. CDA Council Meeting – 8 November 2014.

In the absence of questions or discussions, I would ask a member of DEC to move acceptance of this report.

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
VETERANS CONSULTATION ASSEMBLY
TO THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
14 JUNE 2014**

File: 10-2

L. Murray	- Chairman
G. Moore	- Member
T. Eagles	- Member
Defence and Security Cttee	- Members
C. Belzile	- Member
B. White	- Secretary
R. McInnis	- Asst Secretary

GENERAL

The Veterans Consultation Assembly met on 10 May 2014 at Legion House. 17 organizations were represented at the meeting with over 40 people attending.

MEETING OUTCOME

As in previous meetings, the group agreed that the three issues of advocacy outlined below continue to be the focus of attention:

- The Earning Loss Benefit (ELB) must be improved to provide 100% of pre-release income, continue for life and include increases for projected career earnings for a Canadian Armed Forces member;
- The maximum disability award must be increased consistent with what is provided to injured civilian workers who received general damages in law court; and
- The current inequity with regards to ELB for Class A and Class B (less than 180 days) Reservists for service attributable injuries must cease.

It was the consensus of the meeting that in addition to the above three issues, it is now time to look at additional aspects of support. Using a submission by NCVA to the review of the NVC, it was decided that further advocacy should also include:

- Increased access to the Permanent Impairment Allowance
- Augment the NVC with the Exceptional Incapacity Allowance
- Return of the attendance allowance to assist caregivers and families.

Accordingly, a letter will be sent to the Minister of VAC with these suggestions.

I would ask a Member of DEC to move my report for adoption.

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TO THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
14 JUNE 2014**

File: 40-2

E. Pigeau	-	Chairman
J. Frost	-	Vice Chairman
W. Edmond	-	Member
P. Miller	-	Member
M.A. Misfeldt	-	Member
B. Misener	-	Member
A. Parks	-	Member
G. Peters	-	Member
P. Poirier	-	Member
P. Varga	-	Member
S. Wessel	-	Member
T. Irvine	-	Contributor
S. Clark	-	Secretary

GENERAL

The committee met last by teleconference on 11 March 2014.

MODULES ON LEGION WEBSITE

Committee focus will include continuing with the module content development as well as transitioning that content to the appropriate presentation format for placement on the Legion website. The modules will be found under the *Committees and Resources* tab on the homepage navigation banner (formerly the *Resources* tab). Placement will commence prior to the 2014 Dominion Convention.

I move the acceptance of my report.

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
CANVET PUBLICATIONS LTD.
TO THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
14 JUNE 2014**

T. Eagles	-	Board Chairman
G. Moore	-	Board Vice-Chairman
B. White	-	Secretary
M. Cook	-	Director
D. Flannigan	-	Director
T. Irvine	-	Director
E. Pigeau	-	Director
P. Piper	-	Director
P. Varga	-	Director

INTRODUCTION

Legion Magazine is thriving.

BUDGETS

The magazine is well positioned to continue operations without an increase in the cost of an annual subscription to the end of 2020.

CANADA PERIODICAL FUND

Canvet has been approved for funding from April 2013 to March 2014 under the Aid to Publishers component of the Canada Periodical Fund for \$703,150, almost \$77,000 more than last year. Canvet is pleased to report that this is the highest amount of money that Legion Magazine has ever received from the subsidy.

New guidelines require that we re-apply annually as opposed to once every three years. Canvet applied once again in late in 2013 and we are still awaiting news. This fund is crucial to operations and over the last ten years has saved Legion Magazine almost five and a half million dollars. In order to be eligible for this funding the Department of Canadian Heritage (DCH) must continue to be confident that Legion Magazine is an independent publication. They have listed as ineligible any periodicals "that primarily report on the activities or promotes the interests of the organization." This continuing asset cannot be underestimated and we remain optimistic and have budgeted accordingly.

CONCLUSION

I move the adoption of my report.

DOMINION SECRETARY'S REPORT

General

Good morning Comrades and welcome to this 45th Dominion Convention in Edmonton. I trust that your accommodations are good and that all the arrangements for a successful convention have been put in place by the LAC and our Dominion staff.

Supply Items

i. Sales as of May 7th, 2014 are as follows:

	2011	2012	2013	2014
JANUARY	125,879	118,655	117,834	106,184
FEBRUARY	115,475	112,216	106,099	91,637
MARCH	187,682	148,064	121,181	114,336
APRIL	154,196	170,597	163,070	138,102
MAY	164,349	187,340	164,987	
JUNE	104,102	*150,366	118,446	
JULY	77,058	84,347	91,977	
AUGUST	107,465	114,049	92,902	
SEPTEMBER	161,392	149,040	124,820	
OCTOBER	219,366	279,199	223,136	
NOVEMBER	235,492	230,503	267,707	
DECEMBER	94,391	109,114	135,860	
TOTAL	1,746,847	1,853,490	1,728,019	
	(-13%)	(+6%)	(-7%)	

* Includes June 2012 Convention Sales of \$34,659.

ii. Sales have started slowly this year. May has started off well in response to the mailing of the May branch supplemental catalogues and introduction of several new clothing lines.

iii. Production of Poppies and Wreaths with the new manufacturer is proceeding very well. The quality of both Poppies and wreaths is better and production will be complete prior to this year's campaign. Integration work has commenced to relay shipping information back to us in real time which will allow us to better manage order inquiries.

iv. Since last reported to DEC, 12 written trademark inquiries have been handled.

v. Design work has commenced to produce Commemorative products for the fall of 2014 and 2015. Products are being design to commemorate the Afghanistan War, anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands.

I would like to wish you all a successful convention and for those who may be moving on, I would like to personally thank you for your dedication and support of the Legion and for all the work that you have done on behalf of Dominion Command and our members.

RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION TO DOMINION CONVENTION

2014

COMMAND	BRANCH
NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT	8

SUBJECT: Veterans Long Term Care Hospital
DOMINION COMMAND NO: NS/NU 3

WHEREAS Veterans Long Term Care Beds are available only to World War II and Korea Veterans;

WHEREAS Beds are becoming available as the Veterans numbers are diminishing; and
WHEREAS Canadian Armed Forces Veterans with a service related disability and requiring level 2 treatment that could be using these beds:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Dominion Command petition the Minister of Veterans Affairs that all Canadian Armed Forces Veterans with a service related disability and requiring level 2 treatment be entitled to a long term care bed at a Veterans hospital or similar facility.

Comment:

Post-Korea Veterans who have been injured attributable to their service have access to long-term care in community facilities from Veterans Affairs Canada. The Legion will advocate for an expansion of the eligibility for the Veterans Independent Program to keep all Veterans in their home as long as possible. Therefore this resolution is non-concurred by the committee.

RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION TO DOMINION CONVENTION

2014

COMMAND	BRANCH
NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT	8

SUBJECT: Re-open Veterans Affairs Canada Offices
DOMINION COMMAND NO: NS/NU 4

WHEREAS Veterans of our great nation have fought for and guarded our freedoms;
WHEREAS they have been professionally and adequately served by 32 Veterans Affairs Canada offices;

WHEREAS eight of those offices, both large and small, were closed by the Department of Veterans Affairs without appropriate or convincing evidence and with an estimated savings of a mere \$6.2 million; and

WHEREAS alternative services for all Veterans, especially needy ones, are and will be woefully inadequate:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Veterans Affairs Canada re-open offices that have closed and revoke any plans to close other offices.

Comment:

Our position on this issue is that The Legion sent a letter to the Minister of Veterans Affairs last November regarding the lack of communication to Veterans on the impact of the district office closures.

The Minister responded advising that a letter will be sent to each Veteran affected by the closure of the district office in their area. As well, every case managed Veteran in the affected areas will be contacted by their case manager and advised of the change. However, we have heard that this has not happened from our Veterans. Additionally, the Government announced that they will keep a VAC employee in the local Service Canada office affected by district office closures for an indefinite period of time.

While this is a positive response, we will monitor the impact of the district office closures through our Command Service Officers. Therefore this resolution is non-concurred by the committee.

RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION TO DOMINION CONVENTION

2014

COMMAND	BRANCH
QUEBEC	227

SUBJECT: Legion Riders Coordinator
DOMINION COMMAND NO: QUE 6

WHEREAS the aim of the Legion Riders is to help generate more awareness about The Royal Canadian Legion, strengthen support for Veterans, RCMP members and their families, and engage Canadians in community service and fundraising for Veterans and local communities;

WHEREAS the Legion Riders wear the Legion Riders crest to show their pride in the Legion and help promote all that the Legion stands for;

WHEREAS we, as members of The Royal Canadian Legion, want to project a positive image that recognizes our organization and demonstrates pride in our country and ourselves; and

WHEREAS we, as members of The Royal Canadian Legion, want to ensure that this image is reinforced:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a volunteer be named as the Coordinator at Dominion Command of The Royal Canadian Legion who is responsible for responding to queries received and for providing direction to the Legion Riders Units in the Branches across Canada.

COMMENT:

The Directorate of Marketing and Membership, in close cooperation with the Outreach Committee, intends to develop a long-term strategy to determine guidelines and support for Legion Riders units. That said, the original intent of the Legion Riders units was for them to be administered and controlled at the Legion branch level. Commands were not supposed to be involved. As part of the long-term strategy, assuming that the number of members grows beyond the current 120 members, each command may consider it to be necessary to establish provincial and national volunteer coordinators. For the time being, there are too few members in too few branches to warrant a provincial and national command structure of volunteers to administer beyond guidelines and tips on how to start a Legion Riders unit. Therefore, this resolution is non-concurred by the committee

RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION TO DOMINION CONVENTION

2014

COMMAND	BRANCH
QUEBEC	227

SUBJECT: Order of Dress for Legion Riders
DOMINION COMMAND NO: QUE 7

WHEREAS the aim of the Legion Riders is to help generate more awareness about The Royal Canadian Legion, strengthen support for Veterans, RCMP members and their families, and engage Canadians in community service and fundraising for Veterans and local communities;

WHEREAS the Legion Riders wear the Legion Riders crest to show their pride in the Legion and help promote all that the Legion stands for;

WHEREAS we, as members of The Royal Canadian Legion, want to project a positive image that recognizes our organization and demonstrates pride in our country and ourselves; and

WHEREAS we, as members of The Royal Canadian Legion, want to ensure that this image is reinforced:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that regulations be established and enforced that outline the order of dress for those who wear the Legion Riders Crest.

COMMENT:

Legion Branches are charged with administering Legion Rider units and not Dominion Command. This position also applies to the order of dress for Legion Rider units. It must be stressed that once a crest has been purchased, the owner may do whatever he or she wants with it. In addition, Legion Riders members do not need to be a member of a unit preferring instead to belong to the Legion Riders at large. There are no regulations and the enforcement of an order of dress for Legion Riders would be problematic. Therefore, this resolution is non-concurred by the committee.

RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION TO DOMINION CONVENTION

2014

COMMAND	BRANCH
010 NL Provincial Com.	Provincial Executive Council NL Provincial Command

SUBJECT: Legion Definition of Veteran - By-Law 87 Subsection 101.d
DOMINION COMMAND NO: NFLD/LAB 1

WHEREAS the definition of Veteran in Section 101.d of the General By-Laws now includes members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and

AND WHEREAS the definition does not include numerous other Peace Officers who served on International Peace operations and who proudly wear the NATO and UN medals to signify their participation on these missions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the definition of Veteran be amended as follows:

VETERAN: A Veteran is any person who is serving or who has honourably served in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Commonwealth or its war-time allies, or as a regular member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, **or as a Peace Officer who has served on International Peace Operations** or who has served in the Merchant Marine or Ferry Command during wartime.

RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION TO DOMINION CONVENTION

2014

COMMAND	BRANCH
010 NL Provincial Com.	Provincial Executive Council NL Provincial Command

SUBJECT: Legion Definition of Veteran - By-Law 87 Subsection 101.d

DOMINION COMMAND NO: NFLD/LAB 2

WHEREAS the definition of Veteran in Section 101.d of the General By-Laws now includes members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and

AND WHEREAS the definition does not include numerous other Peace Officers who served on International Peace operations and who proudly wear the NATO and UN medals to signify their participation on these missions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the definition of Veteran be amended to include Peace Officers who have served on International Peace Operations and that the By-Laws be amended accordingly.

ITEM 11: MEDALS AND BARS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Medal</u>	<u>Bar</u>	<u>Due</u>
Gordon Moore	Past President	President Pin	June 2014 June 2014
Tom Eagles		First Vice-President VSS RCEL Veterans Consultation Group Outreach	June 2014 June 2014 June 2014 June 2014 June 2014
Peter Piper		Membership	June 2014
Tom Irvine		Membership	June 2014
Clarence Paul		Membership	June 2014
		Committee	
Margot Arsenault		Outreach	June 2014
Mike Atkinson		Sports	June 2014
Bob Brady		Poppy & Remembrance	June 2014
Aiden Crewe		Membership	June 2014
Jean Marie Deveaux		VSS	June 2014
Marg Emery		Outreach	June 2014
Darrel Jones		Poppy & Remembrance	June 2014
Dianne Kennedy		Poppy & Remembrance	June 2014
Blaine Kiley	Past Committee	Ritual and Awards Dominion	June 2014 June 2014
George O'Dair		C&L	June 2014
Rhonda Risebrough	Past Committee	Outreach Dominion	June 2014 June 2014
Ken Sorrenti	Past Committee	Dominion Ritual & Awards	June 2012

Steve Wessell

Poppy & Remembrance

June 2014

Brent Wignes

VSS

June 2014

ITEM 12: MEETINGS AND INVITATIONS

2014

19 Jun	Post-Convention SEO Meeting, Edmonton, AB
19 Jun	Post-Convention DEC Meeting, Edmonton, AB
24-26 Jun	VRAB Appeals, Ottawa, ON
1 July	Canada Day
4 August	Civic Holiday
13-19 Aug	National Track & Field Competition, Langley, BC
22-27 Aug	American Legion Convention, Charlotte, NC
1 Sept	Labour Day
12 Sep	Pay Committee Meeting, Ottawa, ON
13 Sep	DEC Meeting, Ottawa, ON
14 Sep	Sports Committee Meeting, Ottawa, ON
15 Sep	National R. Day Pre-Ceremony Org Committee, 1400 hrs, Ottawa, ON
23-25 Sep	VRAB Appeals, Ottawa, ON
13 Oct	Thanksgiving
18 Oct	St. John's NL Convention LAC Meeting, St. John's, NL
20 Oct	VAC/RCL Executive Bilat, Charlottetown, PE
21-23 Oct	SOPD – Charlottetown, PE
7 Nov	Defence & Security Meeting, Ottawa, ON
20 Nov	Canvet Board Meeting, Ottawa, ON
21 Nov	Focus on the Future Meeting, Ottawa, ON
22 Nov	Budget Committee Meeting, Ottawa, ON
24 Nov	National R. Day Post- Ceremony Org Committee, 1400 hrs – Ottawa, ON
24-26 Nov	CIMVHR, Toronto, ON
25-28 Nov	Service Officer Training Course, Ottawa, ON
9-11 Dec	VRAB Appeals, Ottawa, ON
25 Dec/26 Dec	Christmas Day / Boxing Day

2015

24-26 Feb	VRAB Hearings, Ottawa, ON
23-25 Jun	VRAB Hearings, Ottawa, ON
20-22 Oct	VRAB Hearings, Ottawa, ON

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***In Flanders Fields* – Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, May 1915 – May 2015**

Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, artillery officer, physician and poet, wrote *In Flanders Fields* at the height of Second Ypres, one of the most bitter battles of World War I. The centenary of that poem falls at the beginning of May 2015. As a result of the initiative of the RCAA and the dynamic leadership of the McCrae Statue Committee, the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery will erect a



statue to honour John McCrae. Design work is well advanced. The figure will resemble McCrae and show him in a way highlighting all of his roles, with his dress as an Artillery officer and his medical bag nearby, as he writes. The statue will show the destruction of the battlefield and, at his feet, the poppies which are such an enduring symbol of Remembrance of that war and all armed conflict since. We are pleased to have commissioned renowned Canadian sculptor Ruth Abernethy, known for works such as the Oscar Peterson statue at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa and the statue of Glenn Gould outside the CBC building in Toronto.

A possible design, then Major John McCrae May 1915

We are now involved in discussions with the National Capital Commission (NCC) and anticipate that we will have authority, in due course, to place the statue near the National Artillery War Memorial, on Green Island at the junction of the Rideau and Ottawa Rivers, just off Sussex Drive in Ottawa. This ideal site is just minutes north of the National War Memorial.

The citizens of Guelph, Ontario will also honour John McCrae, by placing an identical statue near his birthplace. They will undertake a separate civic fund-raising campaign and work closely with our Regimental committee in Guelph.

We are beginning the process of fund-raising for the statue. The Campaign Goal is \$350,000. All Canadians can help us ensure that this iconic Canadian and his work are remembered on the centenary of *In Flanders Fields*.

To donate or for further information visit our web site at <http://www.artillery.net/beta/> Mention **McCrae Statue** in the comments section of the donation form at the **Canada Helps** button.

Or mail a cheque payable to the "The RCA Fund" to: LCol MD McKay, P.O. Box 970, Guelph, ON, N1H 6N1. Mention **"McCrae statue"** on the cheque.

Or contact: The Regimental Major RCA at cdnartillery@gmail.com or at 204 765-3000 ext 3595

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***Au champ d'honneur* – Lieutenant-colonel John McCrae, mai 1915-mai 2015**

Le lieutenant-colonel John McCrae est un officier d'artillerie, un médecin et un poète qui a composé *Au champ d'honneur* lors de la seconde bataille d'Ypres, une des batailles les plus horribles de la Première Guerre mondiale. Le centième anniversaire de ce poème aura lieu au début de mai 2015.



Suite à l'initiative de l'AARC et grâce au leadership dynamique du comité de la statue de John McCrae, le Régiment Royal de l'Artillerie Canadienne dévoilera une statue de John McCrae pour lui rendre hommage. Le travail de conception avance bien. La figure est créée afin de ressembler à McCrae et pour le montrer de façon à mettre en valeur tous ses rôles, avec sa tenue d'officier de l'artillerie et son sac de médecin, tout près, pendant qu'il écrit. La statue exposera la destruction du champ de bataille et, à ses pieds, les coquelicots qui représentent, depuis longtemps, le symbole du souvenir de cette guerre et de tous les conflits armés depuis.

Un modèle possible du major John McCrae, mai 1915

Nous sommes maintenant en pourparlers avec la Commission de la capitale nationale (CCN) et nous prévoyons obtenir la permission, en temps voulu, de placer la statue près du Monument national aux artilleurs, à l'île Verte, à la jonction des rivières Rideau et des Outaouais, tout près de la promenade Sussex, à Ottawa. Ce site idéal se trouve à quelques minutes au nord du Monument national de guerre.

Les citoyens de Guelph, en Ontario, travaillent également sur un projet pour honorer John McCrae, qui est d'installer une statue identique près de son lieu de naissance. Ils entreprendront une campagne de financement civile distincte et travailleront étroitement avec notre comité régimentaire de la campagne de charité situé à Guelph.

Nous commençons le financement pour la statue. Tous les Canadiens peuvent nous aider à faire en sorte que l'on se souvienne de cette légende canadienne et de son œuvre lors du centenaire du poème *Au champ d'honneur*.

Pour faire un don ou pour de plus amples renseignements, visitez notre site Web au <http://www.artillery.net/beta/>. Mentionnez « Statue de McCrae » dans la section « Message/instructions » du formulaire de don en ligne de CanaDon.

Ou envoyez un chèque par la poste payable au nom de « Fonds de l'ARC » au : Lcol MD McKay, C.P. 970, Guelph (ON), N1H 6N1. Mentionnez « Statue de McCrae » sur le chèque.

Ou contactez le major régimentaire, ARC, par courriel à cdnartillery@gmail.com ou par téléphone au 204 765-3000, poste 3595

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