

**Procès-verbal
Réunion d'avant-congrès
du Conseil exécutif national
le 11 juin 2016**

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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Sont présents (dans l'ordre de présentation lors du tour de table) :

Jack Frost	Président national des débats
Dave Flannigan	Premier vice-président national
Clarence Paul	Président, SACT
Tom Irvine	Vice-président national
Frank Sullivan	Président, Direction provinciale – T.-N.-Lab.
John Yeo	Président, Direction provinciale – Î.-P.-É.
Mark Barham	Trésorier national
Steve Wessel	Président, Direction provinciale – N.-É./Nu.
André Paquette	Vice-président national
Harold Harper	Président, Direction provinciale – N.-B.
Norm Shelton	Président, Direction provinciale – Québec
Brian Weaver	Président, Direction provinciale – Ontario
Ronn Anderson	Premier vice-président et président intérimaire, Direction provinciale – Man./N.-O. Ont.
Ken Box	Président, Direction provinciale – Sask.
Chris Strong	Président, Direction provinciale – Alb./T.N.-O.

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Ed Pigeau	Vice-président national
Marc Tremblay	Président, Direction provinciale – C.-B./Yukon
Larry Murray	Président honoraire
Tom Eagles	Président national
Glynne Hines	Président, Section spéciale TSO
Kandace Merola	Première vice-présidente, SACT
Brian Watkins	Représentant de la RCEL
Stephen Gallant	Premier vice-président, Direction provinciale – I.-P.-É.
Melvin Crowe	Premier vice-président, Direction provinciale – N.-É./Nu.
John Ladouceur	Premier vice-président, Direction provinciale – N.-B.
James Riddell	Premier vice-président, Direction provinciale – Québec
Sharon McKeown	Première vice-présidente, Direction provinciale – Ontario
Lorne Varga	Premier vice-président, Direction provinciale – Sask.
Bobbi McCoy	Première vice-présidente, Direction provinciale – Alb./T.N.-O.
Glenn Hodge	Premier vice-président, Direction provinciale – C.-B./Yukon
Hugh Greene	Ancien président national
Allan Parks	Ancien président national
Mary Ann Misfeldt	Ancienne présidente nationale
Pat Varga	Ancienne présidente nationale
Wilf Edmond	Ancien président national
Jim Rycroft	Président du Comité Constitution et Loi
Ron Goebel	Président du Comité Rituel et Récompenses
Richard Blanchette	Président du Comité Défense et Sécurité

Membres du personnel présents :

Brad White	Secrétaire national
Ray McInnis	Directeur, Bureau d'entraide
Jennifer Morse	Directrice générale, CANVET
Peter Underhill	Directeur, Approvisionnements
Steven Clark	Directeur, Administration
Tim Murphy	Directeur, Finances
Angela Keeling-Colkitt	Adjointe exécutive

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1. OUVERTURE

La réunion d'avant-congrès du Conseil exécutif national (CEN) débute à 9 h dans le salon CD de l'Hôtel Delta.

2. ALLOCUTION DU PRÉSIDENT NATIONAL

L'allocution du président national se trouve à l'**Annexe A**. Ce dernier aborde la question de la récente publicité négative, particulièrement durant la préparation à ce congrès. Cette couverture semble vouloir uniquement discréditer la Légion et ses dirigeants. Afin d'y répondre, le président mentionne qu'une agence professionnelle de relations publiques était nécessaire pour déterminer la marche à suivre. C'est dans ce sens qu'il propose :

MOTION : Il est proposé d'approuver une augmentation budgétaire de 40 000 \$ afin de solliciter les services d'une agence de relations publiques et d'allouer une somme annuelle de 40 000 \$ dans les budgets suivants envers de tels services professionnels au besoin.

ADOPTÉE

3. ALLOCUTION DU PRÉSIDENT HONORAIRE

L'allocution du président honoraire se trouve à l'**Annexe B**.

4. REVUE DES PROCÈS-VERBAUX DU CEN

La dernière réunion du Conseil exécutif national a eu lieu les 16 et 17 avril 2016 et le procès-verbal a été distribué par voie électronique.

MOTION : Il est proposé d'approuver le procès-verbal de la réunion du CEN des 21, 22 et 23 février 2014.

ADOPTÉE

5. REVUE DES ÉTATS FINANCIERS – DIRECTIONS PROVINCIALES

Le trésorier national a examiné les états financiers des directions provinciales – consultez l'**Annexe C**.

6. RAPPORT DU SECRÉTAIRE NATIONAL

Le rapport du secrétaire national, qui se trouve à l'**Annexe D**, est présenté à titre d'information seulement.

7. RAPPORTS DES COMITÉS

A. Comité des sports

Le comité présente son rapport, joint à l'**Annexe E**. L'on note que le nouveau comité des sports examinera la possibilité de centraliser le championnat d'athlétisme et fera rapport au CEN lors de la réunion de l'automne.

Le rapport est ADOPTÉ

B. Comité Coquelicot et Souvenir (C&S)

Le comité présente son rapport, joint à l'**Annexe F**.

MOTION : Il est proposé de modifier le libellé du sous-article 402 r. Programmes de transition pour vétérans (tel qu'il est inscrit dans le manuel actuel) comme suit :

Sous-article 403.ii.l (manuel révisé) *Programmes de transition pour vétérans* : 25 pour cent (25 %) du solde du fonds du Coquelicot envers le financement de programmes de transition pour vétérans liés à la formation, à l'éducation et aux besoins en soutien des vétérans. Les directions provinciales devront maintenir un inventaire des programmes admissibles au sein de leur compétence respective.

ADOPTÉE

MOTION : Il est proposé que le sous-article 403.ii.n (manuel révisé) *Centres de ressources pour les familles des militaires* soit abrogé dans son intégralité.

ADOPTÉE

Le rapport est ADOPTÉ

C. Comité de l'adhésion

Le comité présente son rapport, joint à l'**Annexe G**.

Le rapport est ADOPTÉ

D. Comité Rituel et Récompenses

Le comité présente son rapport, joint à l'**Annexe H**.

MOTION : Il est proposé que le CEN autorise l'addition du libellé suivant à la suite du deuxième paragraphe de l'introduction :

En ce qui concerne la tenue vestimentaire de l'aumônier, celui-ci est reconnu par le port de l'étoile de la Légion. Si celui-ci est un membre ordonné du clergé, il choisira vraisemblablement de porter sa tenue de clergé en plus de l'étoile d'aumônier de la Légion. Si par contre cet individu n'est pas un membre ordonné du clergé, il portera alors la tenue vestimentaire de la Légion avec l'étoile de la Légion. Encore une fois, c'est l'étoile d'aumônier de la Légion qui identifie l'individu comme étant un aumônier de la Légion. L'étoile peut être achetée auprès des Approvisionnements de la Légion.

ADOPTÉE

MOTION : Il est proposé que le CEN autorise les modifications suivantes au *Manuel du rituel, des récompenses et du protocole* afin d'inclure la *Médaille du souverain pour les bénévoles* récemment introduite :

Sous-article 281.d : Supprimer le Prix du gouverneur général pour l'entraide et le remplacer par la Médaille du souverain pour les bénévoles.

Article 285 : Idem au sous-article 281.d

Page 46 du manuel : À la suite du titre *Prix du gouverneur général*, supprimer « Prix du gouverneur général pour l'entraide » et renuméroter les articles 283 à 288, renuméroter les articles actuels 284 à 288 comme les articles 283 à 287.

ADOPTÉE

Le rapport est ADOPTÉ

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E. Comité Constitution et Lois

Le comité présente son rapport, joint à l'**Annexe I**.

Le rapport est ADOPTÉ

F. Comité du congrès national

Le comité présente son rapport, joint à l'**Annexe J**.

Le rapport est ADOPTÉ

G. Comité des Anciens combattants, services et aînés (ACSA)

Le comité présente son rapport, joint à l'**Annexe K**.

Le rapport est ADOPTÉ

H. Comité du perfectionnement en leadership

Le comité présente son rapport, joint à l'**Annexe L**.

Le rapport est ADOPTÉ

I. Publications CANVET

On présente le rapport, joint à l'**Annexe M**.

Le rapport est ADOPTÉ

J. Comité de la SACT

Le comité présente son rapport verbalement.

Le rapport est ADOPTÉ

K. Le rapport sur l'adhésion de la SACT est présenté à titre d'information seulement, et se trouve à l'**Annexe N**.

L. Section spéciale -- Traumatisme de stress opérationnel (TSO)

Glynne Hines, le président intérimaire de la Section spéciale TSO fait une courte allocution, jointe à l'**Annexe O**.

8. CONGRÈS NATIONAL -- NOMINATIONS

MOTION : Il est proposé que le CEN approuve les nominations suivantes à l'occasion du Congrès national 2016 :

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- Présidente de scrutin – Mary Ann Misfeldt
- Directrice de scrutin – Pat Varga
- Officier d'installation – Larry Murray
- Comité des appels du Congrès – Mary Ann Misfeldt et tous les anciens présidents

ADOPTÉE

9. CONGRÈS NATIONAL – RÉOLUTIONS TARDIVES

Deux résolutions tardives sont considérées aux fins de délibération durant le Congrès. Toutes deux sont adoptées et seront présentées à l'assemblée. Elles sont jointes à l'**Annexe P**.

A. Catégories d'adhésion

MOTION : Il est proposé que les quatre catégories d'adhésion soient réduites à trois, identifiées comme « Vétéran » pour tout individu qui satisfait à la définition de vétéran, « Associé » pour tout individu qui satisfait à la définition de membre associé, et « Membre » pour tout autre individu.

ADOPTÉE

B. Anciens Combattants Canada

MOTION : Il est proposé qu'Anciens Combattants Canada (ACC) modifie les critères qui permettent d'allouer des lits réservés, qui sont désignés et financés par ACC, seulement aux anciens combattants traditionnels.

ADOPTÉE

10. MÉDAILLES ET BARRETTES

Les médailles et barrettes en question sont présentées aux membres du Conseil et des comités. Le rapport est joint à l'**Annexe Q**.

11. RÉUNIONS ET INVITATIONS

Cet item, qui se trouve à l'**Annexe R**, est présenté à titre d'information seulement.

12. FONDS DE SECOURS À LA SUITE DU FEU DE FORÊT DE FORT MCMURRAY

MOTION
AMENDÉE : Il est proposé et appuyé que le montant total de la contribution de 10 000 \$ soit augmenté à 100 000 \$, en donnant la priorité aux vétérans et à leurs

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familles. Il est de plus mentionné que tout don au fonds de secours, qu'il soit transmis par l'entremise de la Croix rouge ou la Légion, devrait venir en aide prioritairement aux vétérans et à leurs familles.

ADOPTÉE

13. AUTRES SUJETS ET CORRESPONDANCE

- A. Marc Tremblay, direction C.-B./Yukon a mis les membres au courant du projet *Legion Veterans' Village*.
- B. Dominion of Canada Rifle Association nous a envoyé une lettre de remerciement, jointe à l'**Annexe S**.

Ces items sont présentés à titre d'information seulement et se trouvent à l'**Annexe S**.

Le président national sortant remercie les membres du CEN pour leur aide et leur appui et leur souhaite un congrès réussi.

14. DEMANDES D'AIDE

Aucune demande d'aide n'a été reçue.

15. LEVÉE DE LA SÉANCE

La séance est levée à 12 h, le 11 juin 2016.

Président national des débats

Secrétaire national

Good morning comrades:

Before I start I am going to keep this report very short this morning as you all know in the last number of DEC meetings I think this has been our 7th since we met in 2014 in Edmonton, I always give you a pretty detailed list when things are going on. I am going to do it tomorrow in my presentation remarks. I just want to welcome you all to St Johns. They are very well prepared for us. The LAC under the guidance of comrade Berkley Lawrence has done a super super job for us and you people will be very impressed with the preparations that have been done and continue to do and will be there until we leave next week.

I want to welcome our Dominion Past Presidents who are also known as the wise people so I am told and I will be joining you people very shortly.

I also want to welcome the 1st vice presidents to this meeting as it is very very important that you people also understand the business of the Dominion Executive Council and it is nice to have you people here also.

As I said before I am going to keep this short but there is one area of business I want to clear up from the last DEC meeting that we had in April. Maybe many of you never saw it but it happened and there was some comments made about language and I don't want to hear them again today. In all due respect the comments were made as a joke but we do not joke about language. We are a national organization with two languages, I think maybe more, and I am not sure this is the place to be discussing that. Thank you.

Also comrades, ladies and gentlemen as you all are very very well aware of some of the goings on with the local media in the last couple weeks. Some very very negative media coverage about our great organization, very very disrespectful, taking shots at staff, taking shots at myself, taking shots at my wife, taking shots at my kids. There is no end to it. Two people involved are very well known to the Legion people and I have got to know them in the last couple years. In actual fact two of the people as part of the Sean Bruyee camp who is a journalist from the Hill Times, a journal in Ottawa, used to be part of the Veterans Consultation Group until they come there one day a year or so ago and downgraded the Royal Canadian Legion, downgraded the UN NATO Group and their president Ron Griffis. After that meeting I dismissed them from that group. I think that is probably where the negativity started. Also the reporter from the Ottawa Citizen, David Pugliese is part of this group also.

I had a prepared statement done up by the Dominion Secretary when I landed here on Thursday to give to the convention on Sunday after my report. Doing so, after we had the prepared statement made up we thought we'd better give it to our lawyers to see if we would have any chance of being held liable. After hearing from the lawyers, Brad sent most yesterday on the telephone with our lawyers, we cannot give that statement to the convention on Sunday because of liable issues. We did make a recommendation the lawyers, I think two or three, on a teleconference call that we need a strategic

communications plan to help offset these negative comments that's in the press. Very very negative comments.

Brad came to me I said continue on with the negotiations to see what we can come up with. This is very very professionally done. This is going to be long term ladies and gentlemen. This is not going to stop today. We had another release last night from the National Post about the OSI special section, downgrading it. Questioning the \$10 fee they are going to charge. The OSI special section is going to be no different than TVS and is pretty well set up the same way. Brad continued on with his negotiations with the lawyers so the final question was what is it going to cost The Royal Canadian Legion to get a strategic communication plan.

I did miss one person in my welcoming remarks. Major General Glynne Hines sitting back here in the corner. Glynne is the interim president of the OSI special section as we all know it is going to come to the floor tomorrow for ratification. Once it is ratified he will be part of this DEC group. Welcome Glynne. Thank you and I think we will here from Glynne just a little bit later on this morning for a few remarks.

Also in closing comrades, since this is my last DEC as your President I really really enjoyed it. I want to thank you all for your help, your patience, your dedication to the organization but most off your dedication to the Veterans across this country.

With that comrade Chairman I hope everybody has a great convention, I wish all the Senior Elected Officers running for other offices, good luck on Monday and Tuesday so I think we will have a lot of business that is going to transpire over a couple of days. Hopefully it will all be in the betterment of this great organization.

Thank you very much.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S REMARKS TO DEC 11 JUNE 2016

THANK YOU, COMRADE CHAIR.

AS ALWAYS COMRADES, IT IS A PRIVILEGE AND A PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT MEETING WITH ALL OF YOU.

I WILL KEEP MY COMMENTS VERY BRIEF THIS MORNING, AND RESTRICT MYSELF TO SOME WELL DESERVED 'THANK YOUS'.

SINCE THIS IS COMRADE TOM'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, TOM, YOU DO SO WITH A GREAT DEAL OF PRIDE AND A REAL SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.

DURING YOUR "WATCH" YOU HAVE MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION.

YOU SET AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL IN THE WAY YOU COMMUNICATED CLEARLY AND THEN LED 'FROM THE FRONT' WITH YOUR REDUCTION PLAN TO GET THE ORGANIZATION BACK INTO THE BLACK.

THANKS FOR YOUR VISION, YOUR LEADERSHIP, YOUR DEDICATION AND YOUR KINDNESS, GORD. IT HAS BEEN A REAL PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH YOU. IT HAS 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 HIGHLY DEDICATED AND VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE AND IT HAS BEEN A REAL HONOUR AND A GREAT PLEASURE TO WORK WITH EACH OF YOU AND, IN THE CASE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMAND PRESIDENTS, WITH YOUR PREDECESSORS LAST YEAR AS WELL.

I CONTINUE TO LEARN FROM YOU AND YOU HAVE ALWAYS MADE ME FEEL WELCOME AND PART OF THE TEAM.

THE TERRIFIC SUPPORT PROVIDED BY COMRADE BRAD AND THE EXCEPTIONAL STAFF AT LEGION HOUSE HAVE ALSO BEEN GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANKS VERY MUCH TO YOU AND YOUR FINE TEAM, BRAD.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH MANY OF YOU FOLLOWING THE CONVENTION BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO COMRADE GORD WHO IS LEAVING DEC AT THIS CONVENTION.

ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT BE HERE, I DID WANT TO PASS ON A BIG BRAVO ZULU, CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY THANKS FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE AT THIS TABLE AND MANY OTHER TABLES IN THE LEGION FOR SO MANY YEARS AND FOR ALL THAT HE CONTINUES TO DO AT A PERSONAL LEVEL, FOR THE LEGION AND FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

I REALLY HOPE THAT GORD IS WELL AND BACK WITH US IN WINNIPEG.

THAT CONCLUDES MY OPENING COMMENTS.

THANKS VERY MUCH, COMRADES.

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ITEM 5: PROVINCIAL COMMANDS FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW

a) GENERAL FUNDS

The General Fund assets and net assets increased by 5% from the prior year. The largest gains occurred with British Columbia/Yukon Command, Ontario Command and Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command. These gains were partly offset by a decline in Quebec Command.

A significant driver of this increase was improved operating results as reflected in an increase in the net operating income of the Commands. British Columbia/Yukon Command, Ontario Command and Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command were significantly up with Quebec experiencing a loss. Six Command's had net surpluses for 2014 with four experiencing operating losses.

TRUST/RESERVE NET ASSETS

Trust net assets increased by 6%. British Columbia/Yukon Command and Alberta/NWT Command earned net surpluses of \$194,000 and \$174,000 respectively for the year.

b) POPPY FUNDS

Poppy Funds earned \$634,000 during the year. This contributed to a modest increases in net assets of 1.5% held in these funds. Eight Commands posted surpluses for the year with two experiencing deficits.

c) CHARITABLE FOUNDATION NET ASSETS

The net assets of the Commands that have Charitable Foundations increased by 5%. This increase was due to the net surpluses earned in these funds during the year.

Attachments:

Statement 1 - Consolidated Summary

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 11 June 2016

STATEMENT 1

**PROVINCIAL COMMANDS
 Consolidated Summary**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>General Funds</u>			
Total Assets	23,327,873	22,296,755	1,031,118
Net Assets	22,280,637	21,106,152	1,174,485
Net Operating Income/ (Deficit)	669,166	(21,301)	690,467
<u>Trust Net Assets</u>			
	8,045,489	7,606,963	438,526
<u>Poppy Funds</u>			
Total Assets	7,921,036	7,513,006	408,030
Net Assets	6,762,777	6,660,074	102,703
Net Revenue (Deficit)	634,642	762,350	(127,708)
Poppy Sales	3,983,455	4,107,143	(123,688)
<u>Charitable Foundations Net Assets</u>			
	11,008,684	10,460,600	548,084

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PROVINCIAL COMMAND											
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS											
FOR THE YEAR ENDED											
	BC/YUKON	ALBERTA	SASK	MANITOBA	ONTARIO	QUEBEC	NB	NS	PEI	NFLD	TOTAL
	31/12/14	31/12/14	31/12/14	31/12/14	31/05/14	31/12/14	31/12/14	31/12/14	31/12/14	31/12/14	
GENERAL FUNDS											
Total Assets	3,508,174	1,275,095	1,656,623	884,549	13,387,639	398,406	447,731	1,597,272	59,992	112,392	23,327,873
Net Assets	3,242,947	1,154,969	1,615,438	799,667	13,281,618	302,880	386,306	1,341,427	43,935	111,450	22,280,637
Net Operating Income/ (Deficit)	370,823	68,039	80,347	35,327	249,504	(192,195)	(59,989)	134,648	(11,646)	(5,692)	669,166
Trust Net Assets	3,708,699	3,451,944	n/a	14,421	274,267	-	112,712	480,292	3,154	-	8,045,489
Poppy Funds											
Total Assets	1,824,725	1,721,382	143,404	305,730	2,608,770	292,553	351,511	365,718	94,174	213,069	7,921,036
Net Assets	1,608,502	1,526,773	84,045	295,195	2,593,909	196,458	93,229	167,820	12,597	184,249	6,762,777
Net Operating Income/ (Deficit)	104,592	63,027	32,651	(25,537)	471,878	(81,926)	26,872	27,773	6,734	8,578	634,642
Poppy Sales	585,119	327,075	192,655	158,926	1,574,472	228,217	328,699	431,385	85,412	71,495	3,983,455
Charitable Foundation											
Net Assets (Deficiency)	1,057,279	287,647	n/a	n/a	9,225,418	n/a	438,340	n/a	n/a	n/a	11,008,684

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ITEM 6: DOMINION SECRETARY'S REPORT

General

Good morning Comrades and welcome to this 46th Dominion Convention in St. John's which recognizes the 100th Anniversary of Beaumont Hamel and the 90th Anniversary of the Legion. 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. Supply Items

Sales as of May 2, 2016 are as follows:

	2013	2014	2015	2016
JANUARY	117,834	106,184	132,512	120,582
FEBRUARY	106,099	91,638	246,485	96,950
MARCH	121,181	114,337	222,730	172,388
APRIL	163,070	138,102	247,395	159,673
YTD			849,006	549,595 (-35%)
MAY	164,987	149,107	224,401	
JUNE	118,446	*159,048	173,915	
JULY	91,977	96,852	104,345	
AUGUST	92,902	90,974	93,071	
SEPTEMBER	124,820	184,143	218,478	
OCTOBER	223,136	295,317	270,501	
NOVEMBER	267,707	287,264	351,834	
DECEMBER	135,860	128,847	189,908	
TOTAL	1,728,019 (-7%)	1,841,813 (+7%)	2,475,575 (+34%)	

* Includes June 2014 Convention Sales of \$44,351

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.

**REPORT OF
THE DOMINION COMMAND SPORTS COMMITTEE
TO THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
11 JUNE 2016**

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A. Paquette	-	Chairman
S. Wessel	-	Vice-Chairman
M. Wells	-	Member
L. Washburn	-	Member
D. Kidd	-	Member
J. Ladouceur	-	Member
C. Paul	-	Member
D. Martin	-	Secretary
A. Keeling	-	Asst Secretary

GENERAL

This report covers the period from 17 April 2016 to 11 June 2016. The Committee last met on 4 May 2016 with minutes distributed to DEC on 11 May 2016.

2016 DOMINION MEMBER SPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The results of the two member sports competitions hosted in 2016 are as follows:

a. 2016 Cribbage Results - The Sports Committee Cribbage rep John Ladouceur reported that Branch #1 Charlottetown did a good job of hosting the 2016 event. The winners were:

- i. Singles Event:** Branch #26 NS/NU Command. Bob Brenton;
- ii. Doubles Event:** Branch #91 BC/YUK Command - Barry Dillon and Richard Falle; and
- iii. Team Event:** Branch #15 NB Command: Roger LeBlanc, Dean McLaughlin, Sandra LeBlanc and Paul Calhoun.

b. 2016 Darts Results – The Sports Committee Darts rep Steve Wessel reported that Branch #69 Saint John did a good job of hosting the 2016 event. The winners were:

- i. Singles Event:** Branch #495 ON Command. Shawn Brenneman;
- ii. Doubles Event:** Branch #266/46 ON Command – Garry Robinson, Andy Rust and

- iii. **Team Event:** Branch #160 NS/NU Command - Paul LaQuant, Chris Steiger, Jerry Myles and Rod Snow.
- c. **Incident at Darts:** During the first night of competition two Legion members from different commands were involved in an incident off site at a local establishment resulting in an assault by one upon the other. One individual was jailed for the night and the other received medical attention. No charges were laid.

As a result of a review of the incident by the attending Dominion Command rep which included a conversation with the attending police constable and review of footage from a security camera both individuals were suspended from further competition by the Dominion Sports Chairman.

From the assessment on the ground based on the facts presented it was determined that both members were engaged in an undesirable incident that affected the tournament. As well it was also determined, from the police comments and his subsequent behaviour that one of the members involved displayed a level of aggressiveness that posed a threat to not only the success of the tournament but also, and more importantly, to the welfare of others. Although there is no Legion internal imposed restrictions on either player's eligibility to participate in future national tournaments it is clear that their representation of the Legion, their respective Provincial Commands and the effect their behaviour had on others was less than desirable. After consultation with the Provincial Commands affected it is hoped that these factors will be considered in future team selection.

2016 LEGION NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2016 Legion Nationals site visit was conducted 28-30 Apr 16 in Ste Therese, QC. Major adjustments for 2016 include a new caterer, additional seating for spectators and the provision of Live Streaming. The communications plan has been revised in order to commit more resources to social media in order to both promote the event and make it more appealing to sponsors. On the ground the Local Arrangements Committee has things well in hand and all indications are that the event will be well conducted.

Major sponsors for 2016 remain Home Hardware/PIB and MBNA. Veterans Affairs has approved a grant to help offset costs for the commemoration theme of Beaumont Hamel.

CONCLUSION

The next meeting of the Sports Committee is to take place in Ottawa in the fall of 2016. The date will be finalized once the new committee has been confirmed.

I move acceptance of this report as presented.

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
POPPY & REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE TO
DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

File: 35-1

E. Pigeau	-	Chairman
A. Stanfield	-	Vice-Chairman
W. Donner	-	Member
R. Petten	-	Member
B. Weaver	-	Member
M. Willis	-	Member
J. Yeo	-	Member
W. Maxwell	-	Secretary
K. Therien	-	A/Secretary

GENERAL

Since the Poppy and Remembrance Committee last met on 15 April 2016, the Committee has conducted several electronic meetings on trademark issues. The next face to face meeting of the Committee will be scheduled after the 2016 Convention.

THE POPPY MANUAL

At the last DEC Meeting of 16 April 2016, the proposal of the P & R Committee to include a new Subsection 403.o Not-For-Profit Veterans Assistance Based Organizations was defeated. The Committee has further considered this issue and it is timely to provide the opportunity for branches to use Poppy funds for those initiatives, subject to Command approval, which will support our Veterans in various therapeutic events to enhance their well-being. Funds are not to be used for operational or administrative costs for these initiatives. The following recommendations are brought forward for DEC consideration and approval.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Subsection 402.r, Veterans Transition Programs (as it appears in the current manual) be amended to read as follows:

Subsection 403.ii.l (revised manual)-Transition Programs for Veterans: twenty-five (25) percent of the current balance for the purpose of funding transition programs related to the training, education and support needs of Veterans. Provincial Commands will be responsible to maintain a list of qualifying programs within their respective commands.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Subsection 403.ii.n (revised manual) Canadian Military Family Resource Centres be removed in its entirety.

WITH THANKS

I would like to personally thank Comrade Tom for his confidence in appointing me as Chair of this Committee. It was an honour and a pleasure to have so served. I had an extraordinary team to guide and assist me and I wish to thank Comrades Stanfield, Donner, Petten, Weaver, Willis and Yeo for their support and direction. I would also like to thank Secretary Maxwell for his dedication and support to the Poppy and Remembrance Program and to Comrade Kelly for her background support in our Committee activities.

CONCLUSION

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

Ed Pigeau,
Chairman, Poppy & Remembrance Committee

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE TO
DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
June 2016**

File: 23:1

Dave Flannigan	-	Co-Chairman
Tom Irvine	-	Co-Chairman
Norm Shelton	-	Member
Frank Sullivan	-	Member
Harold Harper	-	Member
Gilles Painchaud	-	Member
Gordon Moore	-	Member
Randy Hayley	-	Secretary
Bruce Poulin	-	Assistant Secretary

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Since the April 2016 DEC meetings the Membership and Outreach Committee has convened once on May 04, 2016 via teleconference.

As of May 02, 2016 total membership was 242,587 or 85.0% of final 2015 membership totals. Total membership was relatively flat compared to the same time last year. New/Reinstated members were 13,413 up approximately 2.5% year over year.

The Membership Section continues to be current in processing memberships and has been diligently working to further develop, test and implement the new membership processing system which will be introduced at the Dominion Command Convention. System benefits and implementation goals were presented at the April DEC meetings.

With the implementation of the new processing system the Committee recommends to the new incoming committee to continue to explore the new renewal and retention ideas/concepts brought forward by this committee and made available with the new membership processing technology. These include, life time membership cards, anniversary renewals and monthly auto credit card payments.

In response to questions raised at the April DEC meetings surrounding the amended membership category resolution an information piece and Q&A was distributed to all DEC members in late April. The Committee is mindful of the challenge to get this amended resolution passed at Convention and is hoping the Q&A will pre-emptively answer questions most likely to be raised from the Convention floor during the discussion period.

OUTREACH UPDATE

Since our last report to DEC, the Dominion Command and SEOs have taken part or are scheduled to take part in 36 outreach events for a total of 60 outreach events for 2016 thus far. Likewise, we have participated in 9 media interviews since our last DEC Report for a total of 15 media interviews for 2016. These are encouraging numbers since the first half of the calendar year is usually rather quiet with a majority of outreach events and media interview requests happening in the latter half of the year. It is also anticipated that there will be a considerable increase in media interest in June given that the Royal Canadian Legion is holding its 46th Dominion Convention this year.

We move the acceptance of this report.

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
RITUAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
TO THE
DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
11 JUNE 2016**

R Goebel	-	Chairman
K. Sorrenti	-	Vice-Chairman
B. Kiley	-	Member
M. Latimer	-	Member
B. Poulin	-	Secretary
R. Mandy	-	Assistant Secretary

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

The Ritual and Awards Committee last reported to DEC April 16, 2016. The Committee has held two Teleconference Meetings since then. Applications for major awards have been reviewed in a timely manner and all matters pertaining to Ritual, Insignia and Protocol have been attended to. There is no backlog of applications.

CHAPLAIN'S MANUAL

Through enquiries received, the Committee has recommended an addition to our Chaplain's Manual.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that DEC include in the Manual's Introduction after the second paragraph.

"In regards to the dress for a Chaplain, it is the Legion stole that identifies them as a Legion Chaplain. If they are an ordained member of the clergy, they no doubt will choose to wear their normal clergy dress with a Legion Chaplain's stole. If they are not an ordained member of the clergy, the Chaplain would then wear their Legion Dress along with the Legion stole. Again, it is the Legion Chaplain's stole that identifies them as a Legion Chaplain and it may be purchased through our Legion's Supply Department."

I would ask that a voting member of D.E.C. move this recommendation.

RITUAL, AWARDS AND PROTOCOL MANUAL

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the following changes be made to the Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual to include the newly introduced Governor General's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

Section 281 d. – Eliminate **Caring Canadian Award** and replace it with **Sovereign’s Medal For Volunteers**

Section 285 – Eliminate **Caring Canadian Award** and replace with **Sovereign’s Medal For Volunteers.**

Page #46 of the manual – After the heading of Governor General’s Awards, eliminate “**Caring Canadian Award**” and renumber Section 283 to Section 288, renumber current Sections 284 through 288 to Sections 283 to 287.

I would ask that a voting member of D.E.C. move these recommended changes to our Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual.

CONCLUSION

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking President Tom, all members of D.E.C. and our Command staff for all of their assistance, guidance and understanding over this past term of office. I also want to thank the members of our Committee for their devotion, dedication and commitment to the Committee over the past two years.

This is my report and I would ask that a voting member of D.E.C. move the adoption of this report.

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
CONSTITUTION AND LAWS COMMITTEE TO
DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
11 JUNE 2016**

File: 17-2

J. Rycroft	-	Chairman
D. Eaton	-	Vice-Chairman
J. Frost	-	Member
G. O'Dair	-	Member
S. Clark	-	Secretary
D. Martin	-	Assistant Secretary

GENERAL

The Committee met last by teleconference on 14 March 2016. Members continue to review and respond to Constitution and Laws questions from Commands.

PROVINCIAL COMMAND BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Since the last meeting, the Committee reviewed amendments to the By-Laws for QC Command.

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

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
CONVENTION COMMITTEE TO
DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
11 JUNE 2016**

File: 19-1

T. Eagles	-	Chairman
D. Flannigan	-	Vice-Chairman
J. Frost	-	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 St. John's LAC was held on Saturday, 2 April 2016.

GUEST OF HONOUR

The Governor General declined the invitation; the Prime Minister did not respond to the invitation. The Hon. Frank Fagan, Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, will officially open Convention.

FOUNDERS AWARD

The recipient of the 2016 Founders Award is comedian, television personality, political satirist and author Rick Mercer. He will be in attendance at convention on Monday, 13 June to receive this award.

REGISTRATION FEES AND TIMINGS

The registration fee of \$60.00 and observer fee of \$20.00 was confirmed for this year. DEC members who are not accredited branch delegates shall be accredited delegates to Dominion Convention with the registration fee paid by Dominion Command and the observer fee for spouses deducted from individual travel claims; ballot books will be handed out during the pre-Convention DEC meeting. DEC members registered as branch delegates will obtain their ballot books from their respective command registration desks.

Registration timings are:

- a. Saturday, 11 June 2016: 0900 to 1700 hours.
- b. Sunday, 12 June 2016: 0800 to 1700 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

With one day less for Convention business, it is imperative that Committee Chairman not read their report verbatim as each report is included in the Committee Reports and Resolutions book that was mailed to each branch in April; a verbal summary highlighting the main points only is to be given.

For the first time this year, the respective committee resolutions will be presented immediately after the verbal committee report is given.

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 is presented for adoption.

MEETINGS AND CEREMONIAL EVENTS

The following meetings and ceremonial events will take place:

- a. Parade: Delegates will form up Sunday, 12 June at 0930 hours on Water at Temperance Street. Stepping off at 1000 hours, the parade will proceed on Water Street enroute to the National War Memorial, arriving at 1010 hours. A map of the parade route is attached.
- b. Commemorative Ceremony. Upon arrival at the National War Memorial, the parade will be halted and advanced.
- c. The wreaths and wreath bearers for the ceremony are:
 - i. People of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Hon. Frank Fagan, Lieutenant-Governor: David Flannigan, Dominion First Vice President
 - ii. Mothers of Canada, Mrs. Sheila Anderson, National Silver Cross Mother: Ed Pigeau, Dominion Vice President
 - iii. Veterans Affairs, the Hon. Kent Hehr, Minister of Veterans Affairs: Andre Paquette, Dominion Vice President
 - iv. Canadian Armed Forces, BGen Carl Turenne, Commander 5th Canadian Division: Tom Irvine, Dominion Vice President

- v. Royal Newfoundland Regiment, LCol Paul Furlong, Commanding Officer: CWO Wayne Allen, Regimental RSM
 - vi. RCMP, Chief Superintendent Peter Clark, Commanding Officer NL (B Division): Wilf Edmond, Past Dominion President
 - vii. Government of NL, the Hon. Dwight Ball, Premier: Mark Barham, Dominion Treasurer
 - viii. City of St. John's, Councillor Tom Hann (representing the Mayor): Jack Frost, Dominion Chairman
 - ix. Veterans of Canada, Tom Eagles, Dominion President: Allan Parks, Past Dominion President
 - x. NL Command, Frank Sullivan, Command President: Berkley Lawrence, Chairman St. John's LAC
- d. On the completion of the Commemorative Ceremony, the parade will prepare for the March Past, proceeding on Water Street past the Reviewing Stand at the Court House. The parade will continue down Water Street and directly into the St. John's Convention Centre (SJCC).
- e. Opening Ceremony Prelude. The Opening Ceremony entertainment prelude will begin at 1200 hours, Sunday, 12 June in the SJCC.
- f. Pre-Opening Ceremony Reception. DEC members, along with their spouses and special guests, are invited to the reception in Victoria Salon, second level, SJCC. This reception is sponsored by The Memory Project and a representative will be invited to address the gathering. At 1245 hours, guests will be lined up, led in to the Bowring Ballroom (Convention hall) and seated for the commencement of the ceremony.
- At the conclusion of the Opening Ceremony, approximately 1445 hours, the Dominion President will escort the Lieutenant-Governor and select dignitaries from the Convention hall as we prepare to commence the Sunday Business Session.
- stage chairs will be removed
 - SEOs and Past Dominion Presidents will take their designated places at the tables on stage
 - Other stage guests wishing to remain for the Sunday Business Session will be escorted to the guest seating area immediately in front of the stage
- g. Installation Ceremony. The installation of the Senior Elected Officers will occur on Tuesday, 14 June, projected to be at 1445 hours (time TBC).
- h. Post-Convention Senior Elected Officers Meeting. This meeting will be held at 0900 hours, Wednesday, 15 June in Salon EF, Delta St. John's. Photographs of the Senior Elected Officers will be taken in Salon EF at 0800 hours, **before** the post-Convention SEO meeting gets underway.
- i. Post-Convention DEC Meeting. This meeting will be held at 1030 hours, Wednesday, 15 June in Salon EF, Delta St. John's.

- j. Post-Convention Canvet Board Meeting. This meeting will be held at 1130 hours, Wednesday, 15 June in Salon EF, Delta St. John's.

SOCIAL EVENTS

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

- a. Welcome Reception. This reception for members of DEC, spouses and invited guests will be held between 1900–2100 hours on Saturday, 11 June in the Harbourview Ballroom, Delta St. John's. The Dominion President and the Minister of Veterans Affairs will co-host this reception. The reception is sponsored by the Legion, VAC, PIB Insurance, BMO Financial Group and Invictus Games 2017. Representatives from these organizations and companies will provide brief remarks during the reception.

All guests will be provided one complimentary drink ticket courtesy of the Dominion President; additional drinks will be available for individual purchase.

- b. Pre-Opening Ceremony Reception. As noted above.

CONVENTION VIP GUEST COORDINATOR

The Convention VIP Guest Coordinator 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. Mr. Chris Simpkins, Director General, The Royal British Legion
ii. Mr. Brian Watkins, Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League
iii. Mr. Daniel Ludwig, Past National Commander, The American Legion
- b. Dominion Past Presidents
i. Comrade Pat and Lorne Varga
ii. Comrade Wilf and Annie Edmond
iii. Comrade Mary Ann and Doug Misfeldt
iv. Comrade Allan and Janice Parks
v. Comrade Hugh and Doris Greene
- c. Canadian Fraternal Organizations
i. Mr. Bob Thibeau, Aboriginal Veterans Autochtones
ii. Mr. Jerome Burke, ANAVETs

- d. Dominion Command Zone Commanders
 - i. Comrade Valerie Laucke, Commander, Europe Zone
 - ii. Comrade Robert Edmonds, Western Zone USA Past Commander
 - iii. Comrade Judy Miller, Eastern Zone USA Commander

- e. Veterans Affairs Canada
 - i. Hon. Kent Hehr, Minister, Veterans Affairs
 - ii. Mr. Michel Doiron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Service Delivery
 - iii. Colonel Rob Walker
 - iv. Mr. Stephen Austin
 - v. Mr. Lee Marshall
 - vi. Mr. Ben Charland

- f. Veterans Agencies
 - i. RAdm (ret'd) Barry Keeler, Last Post Fund
 - ii. Mr. Guy Parent, Veterans Ombudsman
 - iii. BGen (ret'd) David Kettle, Secretary General, Commonwealth War Graves Commission
 - iv. Mr. Anthony Saez, Bureau of Pension Advocates
 - v. Mr. Thomas Jarmyn, VRAB

- g. Municipal/Provincial/Federal Government Organizations
 - i. Hon. Frank Fagan, Lieutenant-Governor
 - ii. Hon Dwight Ball, Premier
 - iii. Senator Joseph Day
 - iv. Mayor Dennis O'Keefe
 - v. Mr. Seamus O'Regan, MP
 - vi. Ms. Irene Mathyssen, MP and Vice-Chair, ACVA
 - vii. Mr. Alupa Clarke, MP, ACVA
 - viii. Ms. Cathay Wagantall, MP, VA Critic
 - ix. Ms. Alaina Lockhart, MP, VA Critic
 - x. Ms. Lorraine Michael, MHA
 - xi. Mr. Paul Davis, MHA
 - xii. Mr. Tom Osborne, MHA
 - xiii. Ms. Marianne Walsh
 - xiv. Councillor Tom Hann
 - xv. Councillor Jonathan Galgay

- h. Cadet Leagues
 - i. Mr. Don Peckham, Navy League
 - ii. BGen Kelly Woiden, Commander Cadet Formation, NDHQ

- i. Special Guests
 - i. Mrs. Sheila Anderson, National Silver Cross Mother
 - ii. Mr. James Anderson, spouse of Sheila

- iii. Cmdre Sean Cantelon, DGMWS
- iv. Col (ret'd) Jo-Anne MacDonald, CFMWS
- v. BGen Guy Chapdelaine, CAF Chaplain General
- vi. Dr. Chris Simpson, Past President, CMA
- vii. Mr. Charles Bergeron, CMA
- viii. Mr. Keith Hillier, CFLC
- ix. BGen Carl Turenne, Commander 5th Canadian Division
- x. Chief Superintendent Peter Clark, RCMP
- xi. D/Chief Ab Singleton, RNC
- xii. Commissioner Susan McMillan, Salvation Army
- xiii. Major John Goulding, Salvation Army
- xiv. LCdr Gerald Parsons, Stn Commander, CFS St. John's
- xv. CPO2 Al Dixon, Stn Chief, CFS St. John's
- xvi. LCol Paul Furlong, RNR
- xvii. Mr. Rick Mercer, Founders Award
- xviii. Valour Canada representative
- xix. Invictus Games representative
- xx. Comrade Manny Raspberry, ON Command, 2015 Pilgrimage of Remembrance
- xxi. Comrade Charles Piercey, NL Command, 2015 Pilgrimage of Remembrance

TRAVEL EXPENSES AND PER DIEM PERIODS

Travel advances have been provided as requested. DEC members are to complete the Travel Expense (pink) Form as cheques for balances owed will be forwarded shortly after Convention. The per diem 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.

FUTURE CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of activities regarding future conventions:

- a. 2018 Convention, Winnipeg, MB, 25-29 August 2018. No new developments.
- b. 2020 Convention, Saskatoon, SK, 22-26 August 2020. No new developments
- c. 2022 Convention, Saint John, NB, 20-24 August 2022. No new developments

I move the acceptance of my report.

**46th DOMINION CONVENTION
DAILY PROCEDURES
FRIDAY, 10 JUNE**

Revised: 12 May 2016

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
1330	R&A / LAC Meeting Pippy Salon, SJCC	
1400	Dominion / Provincial Secretaries' Meeting Bonavista Bay, Delta	

**46th DOMINION CONVENTION
DAILY PROCEDURES
SATURDAY, 11 JUNE**

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
0900	DEC Meeting Salon CD, Delta	
0900	Registration and Exhibitor Area Open Bannerman Ballroom / Lobby, SJCC	Until 1700
1300	TVS Meeting Bonavista Bay, Delta	Until 1700
1300- 1400	Workshop 1: Welcoming Members: Getting the Grump out of the Legion Salon A, Delta	60
1430- 1530	Workshop 2: Marketing Membership: Ways to Help Recruit, Renew, Retain Salon A, Delta	60
1430- 1600	OSI Meeting	
1600- 1700	Workshop 3: Membership and Technology: Making Enrollment and Processing Easier ; An Introduction to the New Membership Software Program Salon A, Delta	60
1600	Parade Marshal's Meeting & Commemorative Ceremony Briefing Brownsdale, Delta	60
1630	Whips Meeting Pippy Salon, SJCC	30

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
1900	Dominion President's Reception Harbourview Ballroom, Delta	Until 2100

**46th DOMINION CONVENTION
 DAILY PROCEDURES
 SUNDAY, 12 JUNE**

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
0800	Registration and Exhibitor Area Open Bannerman Ballroom / Lobby, SJCC	
0930	Parade Form Up Temperance and Water Streets	
1000	Parade and Commemorative Ceremony National War Memorial	
1130	Opening Ceremony VIP Reception Victoria Salon, SJCC Doors to Convention Floor open Bowring Ballroom, SJCC	
1200	Entertainment Prelude Bowring Ballroom, SJCC	45
1300	Opening Ceremony Bowring Ballroom, SJCC	60
1400	Video Message from Governor General Intro: T. Eagles	6
1406	Remarks: NL Command	6
1412	Remarks: Mayor of St. John's	6
1418	Remarks: Premier of NL	6
1424	Remarks: Lieutenant-Governor of NL Official Opening of Convention	10
1434	Loyalty Resolution to the Queen T. Eagles / L. Murray	6
1440	Invited Guests escorted from Convention Floor	10
1450	Keynote Address: Minister of Veterans Affairs	20
1510	Thank Minister and Minister departs T. Eagles	5
1515	Procedures Report and Chairman's Remarks J. Frost	5

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
1520	Grand President's Report L. Murray	10
1530	Dominion President's Report T. Eagles	15
1545	Dominion Treasurer's Report M. Barham	20
1605	Nominations for all Elected Positions M.A. Misfeldt	15
1620	Provincial Caucuses	

**46th DOMINION CONVENTION
 DAILY PROCEDURES
 MONDAY, 13 JUNE**

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
0830	Opening Invocation Padre	5
0835	LAC Chairman Announcements B. Lawrence	5
0840	Queen's Response to Loyalty Resolution J. Frost	5
0845	Procedures Report J. Frost	5
0850	Credentials Report P. Hillier	5
0855	Second Call for Nominations M.A. Misfeldt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominion President (close nominations) • First Vice President (close nominations) • Vice Presidents • Treasurer • Chairman 	15
0910	Election of Dominion President M.A. Misfeldt	10
0920	Election of First Vice President M.A. Misfeldt	20
0940	Address Mrs. Sheila Anderson Intro: T. Eagles National Silver Cross Mother	10
0950	Dominion Secretary's Report B. White	20
1010	Presentation: R. Hayley / K. Harris Intro: B. White Membership Software System	15
1025	Resolutions Committee Report T. Eagles	5
1030	Committee Reports and Resolutions (20 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEC T. Eagles • Veterans, Service and Seniors T. Eagles 	60

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poppy and Remembrance 	E. Pigeau	
1130	Presentation: Intro: T. Eagles	Founders Award	20
1150	Time for second ballot for election of First Vice President		20
1210	Greetings Intro: T. Eagles	Guy Parent Veterans' Ombudsman	5
1215	Committee Reports and Resolutions (20 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership and Outreach • Sports • Defence and Security 	T. Irvine / D. Flannigan A. Paquette R. Blanchette	60
1300	DEADLINE FOR NON-CONCURRED RESOLUTIONS TO BE BROUGHT BACK		
1315	Presentation:	Commodore Sean Cantelon Col (ret'd) Jo-Anne MacDonald CFMWS	20
1335	Close Nominations. Election of Vice Presidents	M.A. Misfeldt	20
1355	Greetings Intro: T. Eagles	Daniel Ludwig Past National Commander The American Legion	5
1400	Committee Reports and Resolutions (20 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ritual and Awards • Constitution and Laws • Dominion Convention 	R. Goebel J. Rycroft T. Eagles	60
1500	Greetings: Intro: T. Eagles	Mr. Chris Simpkins Director General The Royal British Legion	5
1505	Committee Reports and Resolutions (20 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Consultation Group • Focus on the Future • Leadership Development • Centennial 	L. Murray T. Eagles E. Pigeau M. Barham	80
1625	Presentation: Intro: T. Eagles	Valour Canada	15
1640	Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TVS 	C. Paul	10
1650	LAC Chairman Announcements	B. Lawrence	5
1655	Adjournment		

**46th DOMINION CONVENTION
DAILY PROCEDURES
TUESDAY, 14 JUNE**

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
0830	Invocation Padre	5
0835	LAC Chairman Announcements B. Lawrence	5
0840	Procedures Report J. Frost	5
0845	Credentials Report P. Hillier	5
0850	Close Nominations and Election of Treasurer M.A. Misfeldt	20
0910	Video Greetings: General Jonathan Vance Intro: T. Eagles Chief of the Defence Staff	5
0915	Keynote Address: BGen Carl Turenne Intro: T. Eagles Commander, 5th Cdn Division	20
0935	Comments on RCEL Brian Watkins	10
0945	RCEL Report and Call for donations T. Eagles • CEL donations R	40
1025	Presentation: Invictus Games Toronto 2017 Intro: T. Eagles	20
1045	Report of Canvet Board D. Flannigan	30
1115	Greetings: Cadet Leagues and BGen Kelly Woiden Intro: T. Eagles	15
1130	Close Nominations and Election of Chairman M.A. Misfeldt	20
1150	Presentation: Pilgrimage of Remembrance Intro: E. Pigeau	20
1210	Brought Back Resolutions	30
1240	Presentation: Dr. Chris Simpson Intro: T. Eagles Canadian Medical Association	15
1255	Brought Back Resolutions	30
1325	Dominion Treasurer: Budget M. Barham	30
1355	Other Business J. Frost	60
1455	Installation Ceremony L. Murray	40
1535	Address Dominion President	20
1555	Closing Benediction Padre Closing Ceremony Chairman	20
1615	2018 Dominion Convention R. Bennett	15
1630	LAC Chairman Closing Announcements B. Lawrence	5

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
1635	Adjournment	

**46th DOMINION CONVENTION
 DAILY PROCEDURES
 WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE**

Time (hrs)	Event	Duration (mins)
0900	SEO Meeting Salon EF, Delta	60
1030	DEC Meeting Salon EF, Delta	60
1130	Canvet Board Meeting Salon EF, Delta	30

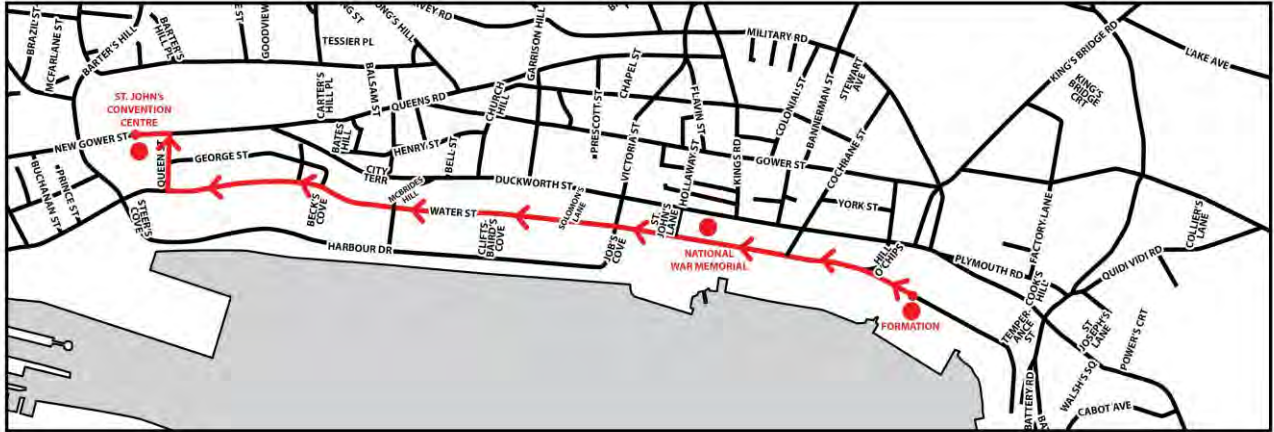
ORDER OF MARCH

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. **Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Mount Unit (TBC)**
2. Colour Party
3. **The Royal Newfoundland Regiment Band**
4. Dominion Command (SEO's)
5. BC/Yukon Command
6. Alberta/NWT Command.
7. Saskatchewan Command
8. **Combined Pipes and Drums**
9. Manitoba/NWO Command
10. Ontario Command
11. **The Church Lads Brigade Band**
12. Quebec Command
13. New Brunswick Command
14. Prince Edward Island Command
15. Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command
16. **Signal Hill Tattoo Fife and Drums**
17. Newfoundland-Labrador Command
18. **Canadian Army Veterans Motorcycle Club, Freedom Riders Motorcycle Club (TBC), Legion Riders.**

PARADE ROUTE

2016 DOMINION CONVENTION - THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION PARADE MAP (ST. JOHN'S DOWNTOWN)



**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
VETERANS, SERVICE AND SENIORS COMMITTEE TO
THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
11 June 2016**

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T. Eagles	-	Chair
D. Flannigan	-	Vice- Chair
C. Strong	-	Member
B. Julian	-	Member
R. Trowsdale	-	Member
M. Tremblay	-	Member
G. O'Dair	-	Ex-Officio Seniors
L. Murray	-	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 16 April 2016, the VSS Committee has not had any meetings.

On 9-10 May 2016, VAC hosted a Veterans Summit in Ottawa, in addition to Veteran organizations, the attendees included members of the Minister's Advisory Committees.

On 12 May 2016, The Royal Ottawa officially opened the new Brain Imaging Centre, a state of the art research facility featuring a new PET-MRI machine which is the first of its kind in Canada solely dedicated to mental health research.

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

This is my report and I move its adoption.

**REPORT OF THE DOMINION COMMAND
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO
DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
11 JUNE 2016**

File: 40-2

E. Pigeau	-	Chairman
J. Frost	-	Vice Chairman
M.A. Misfeldt	-	Member
G. Moore	-	Member
P. Varga	-	Member
S. Clark	-	Secretary

GENERAL

The committee met last by teleconference on 11 May 2016.

MODULES ON LEGION WEBSITE

I am pleased to report that modules have been placed on the Dominion Command website under the *Committee Resources* link. It is anticipated that all modules will be uploaded prior to the 2016 Dominion Convention.

The next phase of the committee's work will focus on promoting the program and updating the modules as required. Also proposed is the development of an on-line library of seminars that Commands and branches may have already prepared on various Legion-related topics. These seminars would complement and enhance the modules.

I move the acceptance of my report.

**REPORT OF CANVET PUBLICATIONS LTD. TO
DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
11 June 2016**

D. Flannigan	-	Board Chairman
T. Eagles	-	Board Vice-Chairman
B. White	-	Secretary
M. Barham	-	Director
J. Frost	-	Director
T. Irvine	-	Director
G. Moore	-	Director
A. Paquette	-	Director
E. Pigeau	-	Director

INTRODUCTION

This is a very good year. For the first time in decades the circulation at *Legion Magazine* has increased for four issues running. The magazine is well positioned to continue operations without an increase in the cost of an annual subscription to the end of 2020, fulfilling its obligation to the 2010 Dominion Convention.

SUBSIDY REVENUE

The magazine has received \$729,607, which represents \$43,379 more in funding than last year and is the highest amount of subsidy in the history of Canvet.

The magazine has been a recipient of one form of subsidy or another for over fifty years and this revenue stream is vital to our operations. The government must continue to be confident that *Legion Magazine* is an independent operation. They have listed as ineligible any periodicals "that primarily report on the activities or promotes the interests of the organization."

Over the last fifteen years this funding has saved *Legion Magazine* almost seven million dollars. It is essential for our survival. Canvet remains optimistic and has budgeted accordingly.

AWARDS

Legion Magazine has been nominated for three National Magazine Awards. One of them is in the category of Service journalism for the 2015 March/April issue, Veterans Benefits Guide written by Tom MacGregor, Sharon Adams, Adam Day and Ellen O'Connor. This underlines a change in the media's attention to veteran issues and can only help the cause. The other two are for a feature article on veterans by Sharon Adams and Adam Day as well as the Special Interest Publication The Fight For Italy.

MEMBER BENEFITS PACKAGE

Two new corporations, IRIS: The Visual Group and Safe Step Walk-in Tub Co. are in the process of joining The Royal Canadian Legion's Member Benefits Package.

CONCLUSION

I move the adoption of my report.

Membership Committee Report
Tuberculous Veterans Section (TVS)

May 27, 2016

File 23:1

General By Laws – Article II

T.V. Section

224. Applicants for Legion membership who also meet the more restrictive criteria at Section 225 may choose to be assigned to the Tuberculous Veterans Section. Subject to the consent of such applicants individually, their membership shall be included in the nearest Tuberculous Veterans Section branch. Application forms of such applicants shall be clearly endorsed “Tuberculous Veterans Section”.

225. Membership in the Tuberculous Veterans Section is restricted as follows:

a. Life, ordinary and associate membership in the Tuberculous Veterans Section is open only to a person who is:

- i. tuberculous or respiratory disabled; or
- ii. the child, adopted child, stepchild, grandchild, sibling, niece, nephew, widow/er, parent or spouse of a tuberculous or respiratory disabled, life or ordinary member; or
- iii. the spouse of an associate member who qualified under Sub-section 225.a.ii

b. Affiliate membership in the Tuberculous Veterans Section is only open to a person who is:

- i. tuberculous or respiratory disabled; or
- ii. a professional who is or was engaged in treatment or research of tuberculosis or other related respiratory disability.

226. Dual branch membership is permitted only in the following circumstances:

a. Any life, ordinary, associate or affiliate member of a Tuberculous Veterans Section branch may become a life, ordinary, associate or affiliate member of any branch

of the Legion upon presentation of his membership card and payment of branch dues less per capita tax.

b. Any life, ordinary, associate or affiliate member of any branch of the Legion may become a life, ordinary, associate or affiliate member of any branch of the Tuberculous Veterans Section if he meets the membership criteria, upon the presentation of his membership card and the payment of branch dues less per capita tax.

PLEASE NOTE:

In reference to conforming to the General By-Laws above we were informed some branches ask for medical proof of tuberculous or respiratory disablement but it is not a requirement for regular or dual membership as the members word is taken.

Current Active Branches – (As of December 31, 2015)

BRANCH	2015 ACTIVE MEMBERS	2015 DUAL MEMEMBERS	2015 TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
01-044 Vancouver BC	253	42	295
02-052 Calgary AB	41	46	87
03-078 Saskatoon SK	88	44	132
Totals	382	132	514

Dual Membership

TVS has a total of 132 dual members in addition to their 382 regular members. Dual Membership numbers were provided by the individual branches as Dominion Command does not hold records on dual members.

If you, as a member of another RCL branch, wish to help support the TVS branches then you can 'dual in' for a fee of \$10. This money is paid directly to the TVS branch and no per capita tax is received by Dominion Command. As a result of this process dual members are not registered in the Dominion Command database and are not recognized in total membership numbers reported by Dominion Command.

Each Dual member receives a membership card from the local branch they support.

Dave Flannigan, Co-Chairman

Tom Irvine, Co-Chairman

Randy Hayley, Secretary

Glynne Hines – Interim OSI Special Section President

Good morning comrades

Thank you for giving this opportunity to say a few words this morning and also thank you to the endorsement you gave after I met with you in Ottawa and I gave my initial pitch of the initiative and your support is greatly appreciative and right now is being felt across the country.

It has generated a lot of interest since that time. We started off with engaging fellow veterans on Facebook and social media and right now we have about 125 members, I am going to call them members recognizing that we are still an interim organization, who have been feeding us questions, we have been responding to answers, we've been building the network of potential members of the OSI special section.

And we have had this what we call this membership validated by Dominion Command because one of the things we have insisted on is if anyone wanted to join this group, even informally at this point, they have to be a member of The Royal Canadian Legion because what we are trying to avoid is outsiders trying to get in and figure out what we are doing and then using it against us. So we got about 125 members who have expressed a strong interest and are already working towards making the OSI Special Section a reality.

We've got representatives out of that 125 people, we have representatives in every provincial command, we have got some of these are executives in their local branches and some are executives at their provincial command level. All of those 125 are veterans. We also have at least 40 individuals who have expressed an interest in joining the OSI special section that are not members of the Royal Canadian Legion but wish to become members of The Royal Canadian Legion because that is one of our criteria. Wish to become a member of the Royal Canadian Legion if the OSI special section is created. What has deterred them in the pass will be overcome by the creation of the OSI Special Section and the focus of the needs of today's veterans. So they have said they will join, and we think that this is a bow wave of potential members to come.

Of course we have heard in the media this week about the \$10 fee and the issues with some misinformation on the \$10 fee for an additional membership fee that belong to the OSI special section. We have answered questions internally. We felt we had answered the questions adequately. It is an administration cost not unlike what we just heard from TVS. Administration cost/increment to handle the potential admin of a special section. It is an emotional cost. One of the things we don't want to do is be using donations and fundraising to pay to support it. We want this to be a member driven member supportive organization.

We are in the process of drafting by-laws and they are underway but we have been assured help from Legion House as we get them to a point where they can be formalized.

On that note I would like to thank Legion House comrade Brad and all of the staff at Legion House for all of the help they have been given us over the last couple of months. We couldn't do it without the help we have been getting from the staff at Legion House. Related to this because my role as the interim president the Legion asked me to work with Veterans affairs on their mental health advisory group and in fact this group met as part of the stakeholder meetings in May and I was appointed the co-chair of the mental health advisory group for Veterans Affairs. This is 14 people, 7 of whom are mental health professionals of whom are veterans who are going to shape the future policy and services of mental health provided by Veterans Affairs.

As a result of my participation in that group twice in the last 6 weeks, as a co-chair, I will be able to take the Legion s message and the needs of the legion membership to Veterans Affairs as it comes to mental health and work on the three mental health priorities that show up in the ministers mandate letter. This cross over in what we are doing with the OSI special section and what veterans affairs wants to do on behalf of all veterans is going to be important, I think.

I am looking forward to a positive outcome at this convention for a number of our members it is their first engagement with the Legion at the convention level. We are excited about what we are trying to achieve here. We think we are on the right path and we are looking for your help and guidance and you support that we get through the approval process that we are looking for your continued support so that we have a viable focus on operational stress injuries as we move forward.

RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION TO DOMINION CONVENTION

2016

COMMAND	BRANCH
DOMINION	Dominion Command Membership Committee

**SUBJECT: AMALGAMATING MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES TO THREE
DOMINION COMMAND NO: MBR 2**

WHEREAS the current categories of membership are: Ordinary, Associate, Affiliate Voting and Affiliate Non-Voting:

WHEREAS the primary objective of reducing and renaming some membership categories is to help generate cultural change to increase membership among regular Canadian citizens in addition to current and former Canadian Armed Forces personnel while retaining existing Legion members:

WHEREAS the evolution of membership in the Legion has continuously evolved from a strictly veteran's organization to one that encompasses all that possess a common belief in the Legion's Purposes and Objectives:

WHEREAS all members joining the Legion subscribe to the Purposes and Objectives of the Royal Canadian Legion and make declaration, either written or verbal, to that belief:

WHEREAS the Legion recognizes the need to streamline membership categories for those that want to join while at the same time, respecting the tradition of current categories while moving towards a more inclusiveness environment by ensuring voting privileges for all Legion members:

WHEREAS the Legion needs to continue to recognize those that serve and have served and those who have a rich history of dedicated service to veterans:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the four categories of membership be reduced to three labelled "Veteran" for all that meet the Legion's veteran definition, "Associate" for all that meet the Legion's associate definition and 'Member' for all others.

RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION TO DOMINION CONVENTION

2016

COMMAND	BRANCH
NEW BRUNSWICK	Branch #28

SUBJECT: VAC Funded Hospital Beds
DOMINION COMMAND NO: NB 1

WHEREAS Traditional War Veterans who served overseas are entitled to reside in VAC funded hospital beds;

WHEREAS Traditional War Veterans with Canada only service are not entitled to reside in VAC funded hospital beds unless they are in receipt of a disability benefit related to that period of service;

WHEREAS VAC funded hospital beds are vacant; and

WHEREAS Canada only service Traditional War Veterans are being placed in Nursing Homes rather than in VAC funded hospital beds:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Veterans Affairs Canada amend their criteria for Traditional War Veterans who served in Canada only to be allowed to reside in VAC funded hospital beds.

Comments:

Canadians expect that a Veteran who has been injured while fighting for their country should receive the very best care available to address their unique needs. With this in mind, the New Veterans Charter and the former pension system were both designed to aid those Veterans who have a service related injury.

Any Veteran who needs long-term care because of a disability related to their military service is eligible for support in a long-term care facility. Currently, VAC is financially supporting approximately 6,800 Veterans in almost 1,400 nursing homes and other long-term care facilities across Canada.

However, there are vacant contract beds in Veterans facilities. The criteria for a contract bed in a Veterans facility should be expanded to include any veteran of the Canadian Forces, of any era, based on health needs. The Committee **concurs** with this resolution.

**DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
 PRE-CONVENTION MEETING
 11 JUNE 2016**

ITEM 11: MEDALS AND BARS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Medal</u>	<u>Bar</u>	<u>Due</u>
Tom Eagles	Past President	President Pin	June 2016
			June 2016
Gordon Moore		Leadership	June 2016
Dave Flannigan		First Vice President	June 2016
		VSS	June 2016
		RCEL	June 2016
		Veterans Consultation Group	June 2016
		Membership & Outreach	June 2016
Tom Irvine		Vice President	June 2016
Andre Paquette		Vice President	June 2016
		Sports	June 2016
Mark Barham	Past Officer	Dominion	June 2016
		Councillor	June 2016
		Treasurer	June 2016
Jack Frost		Chairman	June 2016
		C&L	June 2016
Norm Shelton	Membership		June 2016
Harold Harper		Membership & Outreach	June 2016
Clarence Paul	TVS	Sports	June 2016
Marc Tremblay		VSS	June 2016
Steve Wessel		Sports	June 2016
Richard Blanchette	Past Officer	Dominion	June 2016
		Councillor	June 2016
		Defence and Security	June 2016

Committee

Wayne Donner		Poppy & Remembrance	June 2016
Bruce Julian		VSS	June 2016
Dan Kidd		Sports	June 2016
John Ladouceur	Past Committee	Dominion Sports	June 2016 June 2016
Mary-Ann Latimer	Past Committee	Dominion Ritual and Awards	June 2016 June 2016
Gilles Painchaud		Membership & Outreach	June 2016
Ross Petten		Poppy & Remembrance	June 2016
Angus Stanfield		Poppy & Remembrance	June 2016
Ron Trowsdale		VSS	June 2016
Dick Wells		Sports	June 2016

**DOMINION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
PRE-CONVENTION MEETING
11 JUNE 2016**

ITEM 12: MEETINGS AND INVITATIONS

2016

11-15 June	2016 Dominion Convention, St. John's, NL
15 June	Post-Convention SEO Meeting (0900 hrs)
15 June	Post-Convention CANVET Board Meeting
15 June	Post-Convention DEC Meeting
21-23 June	VRAB Hearings, Ottawa, ON (Victory Brdm)
3-9 August	National Youth Track & Field Championships, Saint-Thérèse, QC
7-10 August	ANAVETS Convention, Winnipeg, MB
26 Aug - 1 Sept	American Legion Convention, Cincinnati, OH (Flannigan)
12 September	Nat'l RD Ceremony Organizing Committee (Memorial Brdm)
16 September	Pay Committee Meeting (0900 hrs - Memorial Brdm)
16 September	Investment Committee Meeting (1030 hrs – Memorial Brdm)
17 September	SEO Budget Committee Meeting
18-20 October	VRAB Hearings, Ottawa, ON (Victory Brdm)
24 October	VAC-RCL Bilateral Meeting (Tentative), Charlottetown, PE
25-27 October	Service Officer Professional Development, Charlottetown, PE
11 November	Remembrance Day
21 November	Nat'l RD Post-Ceremony Meeting (Victory Brdm)
25 November	CANVET Board Meeting (0900 hrs – Memorial Brdm)
25 November	RCEL Committee Meeting (1030 hrs – Memorial Brdm)
26 November	DEC Meeting

2017

13-17 May	ON Command Provincial Convention, London, ON
19-21 May	QC Command Provincial Convention, Victoriaville, QC
21-22 May	NS/NU Command Provincial Convention, Bridgewater, NS
1-4 June	BC/YT Command Provincial Convention, location TBD
10-12 June	MB&NWO Command Provincial Convention, Winnipeg, MB
24-30 August	NL Command Provincial Convention, Stephenville, NL
22-24 September	AB-NT Command Provincial Convention, Edmonton, AB



ANNEX "S" TO
PRE-CONVENTION DEC MINUTES
11 JUNE 2016

Dominion of Canada Rifle Association
Association de Tir Dominion du Canada

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DOMINION COMMAND

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12 May 2016

Mr. Brad White
Dominion Secretary
Royal Canadian Legion
86 Place Aird Place
Ottawa, ON K2L 0A1

Dear Brad,

Thank you for your letter dated 6 May advising that the Dominion Executive Council has recently approved the DCRA's request for support to help subsidize the Winter Postal Program for Cadet and Junior marksmanship

On behalf of all members of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (DCRA), may I convey our warmest appreciation to The Royal Canadian Legion for your most generous contribution of \$8,000.00. Two thousand dollars will be used annually for this purpose, thereby, allowing this grant to support this particular program for four years. Essentially, the monies will subsidize cadet and junior entry fees for the Winter Program thereby significantly raising the numbers that are able to participate.

The continuing support of the Royal Canadian Legion to the Cadet movement in Canada and in support of Canadian youth in general is absolutely wonderful and something I hope all Canadians appreciate.

Once again, many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond R. Romses,
Brigadier-General (Retired)
President